



**CONSTITUTIONMAKERS' VISION HAS BEEN GUIDING OUR REPUBLIC: PREZ MURMU**

NEW DELHI: Founders of the Constitution gave us a map and moral framework, the task of "walking that path remains our responsibility", President Droupadi Murmu said in her address to the nation on the eve of 74th Republic Day on Wednesday. "The nation will always remain grateful to Dr BR Ambedkar, who headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution", she said.

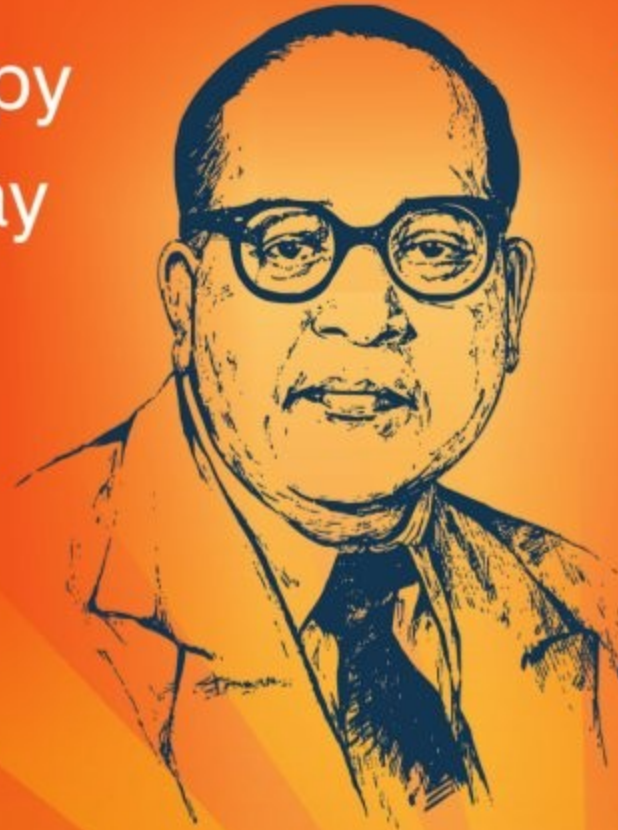


**NAVA KARNATAKA  
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Wishing All A Happy  
**74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day**



**Shri Narendra Modi**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister



**"So long as you do not achieve social liberty, whatever freedom is provided by the law is of no avail to you".**

**- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**  
Chief Architect of Indian Constitution



**Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot**  
Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka



**Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister

## Pledge to Build a **Strong Karnataka** for a Strong India

### Implementation of Several Exclusive Schemes for Development & People's Welfare

- Chief Minister's Raitha Vidya Nidhi Scheme:** Benefit for more than **10 lakh students**. **Rs. 483.62 crore** worth of scholarships distributed so far.
- Pension under various social security schemes increased. To benefit more than **75 lakh people**
- Housing Schemes:** Around **5 lakh houses** constructed under various schemes in three years
- Health:** Upgradation of **100 PHCs** into Community Health Centres at **Rs. 1,000 crore**.
- 438 'Namma Clinics'** across Karnataka
- Yashaswini Scheme** relaunched.
- Under **Sthree Samarthya Scheme**, seed capital to **33,333 women SHGs @ Rs. 1.5 lakh per SHG**. To benefit **3.9 lakh women**
- Historic decision to issue **title cards to 3.36 lakh families** living in slums. Title cards already given to **1.14 lakh families**.
- Commencement of e-governance initiatives such as **Grama One, Jansevak and Online Services** in the Transport Department
- The first state to implement **National Education Policy 2020** in the entire country
- Appointment of **15,000 school teachers**, construction of **8,101 classrooms** and building of **toilets in all schools**
- Amrit Schemes** launched to commemorate the 75th Independence Day to improve rural and urban infrastructure, uplift weaker sections, provide seed capital to **SHGs and encourage the startups of SC, ST and OBC youth and women entrepreneurs**.
- An **additional grant of Rs.857.75 crore** given to **19 different corporations** coming under the departments of Welfare of Backward Classes, Social Welfare and Welfare of Minorities
- Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakthi Sangha** scheme stated to support **micro-enterprises in rural areas**. Expected to benefit **5 lakh youth**
- Reservation for SC increased from **15% to 17%** and ST from **3% to 7%**.
- 1,475 habitations** without documents declared as revenue villages. **Title cards** distributed to **52,000 people**.

### Successful implementation of Central Government Schemes

- Benefit for a maximum of **53.83 lakh farmers** in the State under **PM-Kisan Scheme**. **Rs. 9,982.15 crore** distributed so far by the Central Government.
- 34.66 lakh families** benefitted from **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Scheme**.
- Loans sanctioned to **2.39 lakh street vendors** under **PM Swanidhi Scheme**.
- GoI has added the **Bettakuruba** community under the **ST category**.
- Under **Prime Minister's Garib Kalyan scheme**, benefit for **4.5 lakh people**
- Under **Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme**, tap connection provided to **6.51 lakh rural families**.

State's 'Nari Shakti' tableau, which will be featured in the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi



### Karnataka No. 1 in investment in India

- At the **World Economic Forum Meet** held in **Davos**, MoUs worth **Rs. 52,000 crore** signed.
- At the **Global Investors Meet** held in November 2022 in the state, Karnataka signed MoUs worth **Rs. 9.8 lakh crore**. This will create **6 lakh employment opportunities**. 90% of this investment will be made in places **beyond Bengaluru**.
- In the **Neethi Ayoga Innovation Index 2022**, Karnataka has secured **first place**.

### Infrastructure Development

- Vande Bharat Express** train, which provides quick connectivity between Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai, flagged off.
- Mysore Airport** expansion works and **Hasaan Airport** works are in progress. **Shivamogga Airport** works are in final stages of completion.
- New Coaching Complex at Naganahalli, near Mysuru**. This complex will facilitate commencing of several short-distance trains.
- Various **national highway projects** to be taken up at **Rs. 2 lakh crore**.



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## PAY DAY, PAY DAY: WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE GETS BIG

The Indian cricket board (BCCI) announced on Wednesday that five WPL teams were sold for ₹4,669.99 crore

## ADANI BID OF ₹1,289 CRORE IS THE HIGHEST

Having missed out on a chance to buy a men's team, the Adani Group made the highest bid of ₹1,289 crore in the auction to secure Ahmedabad as one of the five franchises. Others include Mumbai Indians (₹912.99 crore), Delhi Capitals (₹810 crore) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (₹901 crore). Capri Global (₹757 crore) will be based out of Lucknow

## BOARD GETS RICHER BY ₹5,650.99 CRORE

- After adding media rights value — sold for ₹951 crore — the BCCI has made ₹5,650.99 crore even before a ball is bowled at the WPL
- The average cost of a team — ₹933.99 crore — is 10 times more than the cost of what WNBA teams were sold for
- A total of 22 games will be played in the inaugural season

₹447.60cr

WAS MUMBAI INDIANS' BID IN 2008.  
IT'S ₹842 CR LESS THAN ADANI'S BUY

## Biggest of Padmas to SM Krishna, Mulayam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FORMER Karnataka chief minister and ex-foreign minister in the UPA government SM Krishna, former Uttar Pradesh CM late Mulayam Singh Yadav, tabla maestro Zakir Hussain and ORS pioneer Dr Dilip Mahalanabis were among the luminaries selected for the country's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan. A total of 106 Padma awards were announced on Wednesday — six Padma Vibhushan, nine Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri.



### 8 FROM K'TAKA

Ex-CM SM Krishna (Padma Vibhushan); writer SL Byrappa & philanthropist Sudha Murty (Padma Bhushan); Khader V. Dudekula (science), Rani Machiah (arts), Nadoja PMunivenkatappa (arts), Shah Rasheed Quadri (arts), S Subbarman (archaeology) for Padma Shri | P9

the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award.

Eminent architect BV Doshi (posthumous), industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla, educationist and social worker Sudha Murty, actress Raveena Ravi Tandon and noted singers Vani Jairam and Suman Kalyanpur were also on the list.

Among the awardees are 102-year-old Mangala Kanti Roy, the oldest living folk musician of West Bengal, and expert snake catchers Vadivel Gopal and Masi Sadaian.

Dr Ratan Chandra Kar was recognised for his exemplary

work that brought Jarawa tribe from the verge of extinction during the measles epidemic in 1999 while 99-year-old V P Appukuttan Poduval, a freedom fighter from Payyanur in Kerala was honoured for his relentless efforts for the upliftment of the weaker sections of society in the past eight decades.

Also among the Padma awardees is 81-year-old Ghulam Muhammad Zaz, an eighth generation Santoor craftsman from a family based out of Srinagar that is known for making the finest Santors in Kashmir for the past 200 years.

## BBC docuseries row snowballs

Jamia Milia Islamia thwarts students' bid to show the film; Bengal univs plan screening

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

A day after the Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Hyderabad and a few campuses in Kerala screened the controversial BBC film on the 2002 Godhra riots, Left-affiliated student groups of Delhi's Jamia Milia Islamia tried to show the film but the administration and police thwarted the move.

Hours before the scheduled screening, Delhi Police detained over a dozen students. Deputy Commissioner of Police (southeast) Esha Pandey said the Jamia University administration had informed police that some students were creating a ruckus on the streets following which 13 students were detained, four of them SFI members, around 4 pm to ensure peace in the area.

The action came after the university administration had asked students not to participate in any gathering or screen-

ing of the documentary, adding that no permission has been given for it. It also warned the students of strict disciplinary action if they fail to adhere to the directives.

Throughout the day, there was heavy deployment of police in and around the university area. The police blocked around 1 km stretch of the road from both sides using anti-riot vehicles and buses.

Police had also placed water cannons in front of the varsity gate to disperse protesters in case of any ruckus, but it was not used as the protest was tackled immediately.

Meanwhile, SFI said it will screen the documentary at Kolkata's Presidency University on January 27 at an open air field. A separate group of students said they will screen the documentary on February 1 at the university. A similar event will be organised at the Jadavpur University by the All India Students' Association.



## Sania gets final call

Playing her last Grand Slam tournament, Sania Mirza has a chance to win her seventh major title by reaching the Australian Open mixed doubles final with compatriot Rohan Bopanna on Wednesday

The unseeded Indian pair knocked out third seeds Desirae Krawczyk and Neal Skupski 7-6(5) 6-7(5) 10-6 in the semifinal in one hour 52 minutes

"I'm not a crier but I'm almost there right now, I feel the love for the last 18 years I have been coming here. It feels like home for me," Sania said

Sania-Bopanna will meet Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos of Brazil, who beat Olivia Gadecki and Marc Polmans 4-6, 6-4, 11-9

## Snide Pompeo remark on Sushma rapped

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday took offence to former US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's condescending remarks about his predecessor Sushma Swaraj, in his book titled *Never Give an inch: Fighting for the America I love*. Pompeo said he never considered Swaraj as an "important political player", while describing her as a "goofball" and "heartland political hack".

His book was in the news as he claimed that India and Pakistan were "this close" to a nuclear war after the Pulwama

attack in 2019.

Jaishankar hit back, saying, "I have seen a passage in Secretary Pompeo's book referring to Sushma Swaraj ji. I always held her in great esteem and had an exceptionally close and warm relationship with her. I deplore the disrespectful colloquialism used for her."

In contrast, Pompeo had good things to say about Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval. "On the Indian side, my original counterpart was not an important player on the Indian foreign policy team. In-

stead, I worked much more closely with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, a close and trusted confidant of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

Expressing his fondness for 'J' which stands for Jaishankar, he wrote, "My second Indian counterpart was Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. In May 2019, we welcomed 'J' as India's new foreign minister. I could not have asked for a better counterpart. I love this guy. English is one of the seven languages he speaks, and his is somewhat better than mine."



### EXPRESS READ

#### Sri Sri's chopper makes emergency landing in TN

Erode: A chopper carrying Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar made an emergency landing near Sathyamangalam in Erode district on Wednesday due to bad weather.

#### Temple, shops shut as groom heads for ritual

Gadag: In an incident of untouchability, a temple and all shops leading to it were shut when a bridegroom and his family were on their way to perform a marriage ritual, at Shyagoti village near Gadag town. P8



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## K-RIDE calls prelim tender for suburban rail coaches

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@Bengaluru

THE nodal agency for implementing the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) on Wednesday called a global tender to identify bidders who meet the eligibility criteria to supply 306 coaches for the Rs 15,767-crore project. The expected cost of the coaches (rolling stock) is estimated to be over Rs 3,000 crore and is not included in the project's cost.

Sources at the agency, Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE), said this was the preliminary step before calling for the actual bid for the coaches and does not entail any financial commitment at this stage. "We are looking at agencies within India or abroad who can supply 306 air-conditioned coaches for the BSRP. They need to be of the dimensions of 21.6 metres in length and 3.2 metres width like the coaches used in the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation or Indian Railways. They are bigger than the Bengaluru Metro Rail coaches."

Of the coaches supplied, only 264 will be deployed for operations, a source said. An official said the rolling stock will be procured on a PPP model with the bidder expected to supply the coaches and maintain them for a period of 35 years.

A pre-bid meet was held in May 2022 and 17 financial institutions and ten rolling stock manufacturers showed interest, the official added. Alstom, BEML, CAF, Titagarh Wagon, as well as firms based in Indonesia, Russia and Germany had evinced interest, he added.

The coaches need to be supplied in phases from 2026 to 2028 with 60 coaches to be supplied in the first year. "When the project begins, we will require only a minimum number of coaches till patronage picks up. Also maintenance of so many coaches at one go will be a problem initially. So we do not foresee any shortage of coaches for operations," he said.

### RRI WINS BEST PAVILION AWARD AT INT'L SCIENCE FEST

Bengaluru: The Raman Research Institute (RRI) has won the Best Conceptual Pavilion award at the India International Science Festival (IISF) held in Bhopal. The eighth edition of IISF was held from January 21 to 24 at the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology. RRI won the award for its pavilion set up during the festival, which showcased the life of renowned physicist and Nobel laureate C V Raman as well as various projects and research activities currently ongoing at the institute. ENS



BBMP workers spruce up the Idgah Maidan ahead of Republic Day celebrations in Chamarajapet on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

## IDGAH MAIDAN TO HOST R-DAY FETE

50 CCTV cameras, 200 police personnel to be on guard

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Bengaluru

CHAMARAJAPET Idgah Maidan is all geared up to host Republic Day celebration for the first time following the green signal from the Revenue Department.

After Revenue Minister R Ashoka gave his nod, the Assistant Commissioner Bengaluru North has made elaborate arrangements to hoist the Tricolour and conduct a programme on Thursday. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has got the ground spruced up and made other arrangements for the function.

The jurisdictional police has also beefed up security. A senior police official from the West Division Police said CCTV cameras were installed a day back and police personnel, including a company of KSRP, has been deployed.

"All areas are being watched and suspicious movement is

being monitored. The police will make arrangements for a peaceful flag hoisting event for the Republic Day. Apart from deploying about 150 to 200 police personnel, 50 CCTV cameras will keep an eye on areas and junctions around the playground," the police officer said.

Bengaluru Urban District, North taluk, Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Shivanna will hoist the flag, and local MLA B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan, Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha MP P C Mohan will be invited for the programme.

Meanwhile, the demands of Hindu outfits and Chamarajapet Nagarikara Vakoota, a residential welfare organisation, for organising cultural programmes has been rejected by the district administration. After the hoisting of the flag at 9 am, the Naada Geethe and National Anthem will be played, following which, the programme will conclude.

## FIR filed against another Orchids school

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@Bengaluru

A FIRST Information Report (FIR) was filed against the Nagarbhavi branch of Orchids The International School on Wednesday. This is the fourth major complaint that has been registered against the school chain as well as the third FIR filed in the last six months alone.

Following several complaints and protests from parents on discrepancies regarding the syllabus being taught, officials from the Department of Public Instruction visited the school on Wednesday. According to Rajashekar H G, Block Education Officer for Bengaluru South-1, the school had been advertising that they were affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and teaching the syllabus,

despite only having permission to teach the state syllabus.

"They were registered as a state syllabus school. However, they were also teaching CBSE syllabus and had told parents that they were CBSE affiliated. Based on instructions given by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), we have registered a complaint with the police and they have filed an FIR against the school," he told TNIE. He said the parents learned about the matter when the school issued a notice stating that they will conduct the Class 5 and Class 8 examinations that

had recently been introduced in the state syllabus. Both the principal of the branches as well as the St Theresa Educational, Cultural and Social Development Society, which manages the chain of schools, have been named in the complaint copy.

In addition to the issue of syllabus, the BEO also found that the school was illegally conducting classes for ninth and tenth standard students. "The school does not actually have permission to conduct ninth and tenth standard classes for students. However, it was found that students from branch-5 that had permission to do so

were being transferred to this branch and classes were going on, despite not receiving permission to do so," Rajashekar said.

While the school has refused to respond to the FIR, or statements made by the BEO and parents, it released a statement saying that the issue was due to a lack of time to inform parents about the Class 5 and Class 8 examinations. "This was a sudden mandate from the department, and we didn't have enough time to inform the parents properly. However, our curriculum at Orchids The International School is well framed to ensure the students perform well in any given exam. While we are proposed to be a CBSE school in the future, we will have to follow the state board guidelines till we formally get the affiliation," they stated.



A HELPING HAND  
Mid-day meal workers, under the aegis of the Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers' Association, continued their protest, seeking fulfilment of various demands, for the third day at Freedom Park on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

## Finally, HAL underpass opened to traffic

MOHAMMED YACOUB @Bengaluru

AS a Republic Day gift to motorists, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike finally opened the HAL underpass to the public. The Rs 19.5-crore 280-meter underpass work was completed on Tuesday and after a trail run by Deputy Commissioner of Traffic (East) Kala Krishnaswamy, it was opened for regular traffic.

The DCP took to Twitter announcing the opening of the underpass on Wednesday evening. The underpass project at HAL Old Airport Road-Suranjandas Road Junction had been facing hurdles since October-end with incessant rain and in January by the stone crushers' agitation.

"Due to rains in November and December, the Palike could not carry out much work so we failed to open the underpass on January 1. Later, due to delay in supply of concrete due to the stone crushers' strike, there was a delay by another 20 days," said an official.

With the completion of the project, traffic movement on the Old Airport Road will ease a lot. Motorists coming from Marathahalli and Domlur and heading to Jeevan Bima Nagar, New Thippasandra and Baiyappanahalli will not face traffic snarls. Similarly, motorists heading from Old Airport Road to Marathahalli and Varthur will not face any signals.

## Chaos at KIA due to hour-long technical glitch in software

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THE breakdown of Departure Control System (DCS) across airports in the country, including Bengaluru, for nearly an hour delayed the check-in process for thousands of flyers who were set to board flights Kempegowda International Airport on Wednesday.

There was a huge rush among passengers to leave the city on Wednesday due to the Republic Day holiday on Thursday and the approaching weekend, prompting the airport operator to make it compulsory for all to bring the printed boarding passes to the airport.

People had to be checked-in manually across KIA, said a top airport source. "Navitaire



Air passengers wait in extremely long queues as the check-in procedure was done manually | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

(digital platform) was not working from 1.20 pm to 2.19 pm on Wednesday. The DCS at Indigo was restored at 1.40 pm

and at Air Asia at 1.51 pm. Akasa Airlines was also impacted. The application got back to normalcy about an hour later," the source explained.

A source from airport operator at Bangalore International Airport Limited confirmed there was a brief issue with the 'GoNow' software, which was rectified later.

However, due to the cascading effect of the glitch, some passengers were affected for more than three hours. Meanwhile, airlines were bombarded with complaints from flyers with one individual drawing a parallel with the railway station due to the huge crowds piling up.

Rajendra kumar, Data Science Engineer at Abu Dhabi, departing from Bengaluru tweeted: "#BLRAirport #AAI

Official #AkasaAir passengers are standing from last 3 hours for check-in, poor management from Akash airlines. Giving excuses of Server down and doing manual check-in."

Sumit Sharma, a coder at Dell said, "First fix your existing operations then go for other ones. From more than 1 hour people are waiting in check-in queue at Bengaluru airport and Your staff has no regrets about this Chaos. Who will be responsible for this inconvenience? Will never ever travel in your airline."

The standard response from Akasa Air to complaints said:

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— Airport official

"Our systems have been temporarily affected, owing to the global outage at our service provider's facility, causing certain operational disruptions."

Another flyer, Sharvil, tweeted that all the check-in counters at Bengaluru airport have come to a standstill for an hour. "Apparently, all Indian airports are facing this issue because of a software failure that airlines use to streamline check-ins and the boarding process called ₹GoNow, oh the irony."

IndiGo claimed their operations were disrupted only for a few minutes.

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

26<sup>th</sup> January: Today is a Piscean day - and that goes for all of us. Obviously, we're not all going to be doing the same things at the same time, but there could be a liveliness in the air, a sense that anything is possible. It's a great moment for wild speculation, less so for tackling tedious nuts and bolts.

### ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

I am sure that other people will have agreed to deal to say about your progress and behaviour, but you needn't listen too hard. Their opinions will, in fact, have much more relevance to them than to you. Perhaps you will have some good advice to offer in return!

### TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

There's a fair amount of emotion in the air today, and that's what accounts for the possible misunderstandings. If you're arguing your case you might do best to work from your gut reactions, but recognise that what is important to you may be meaningless to other people.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

The fact is that no amount of effort is going to make this a day for reasoned discussion, so please don't imagine that you're being your normal rational self. Instead, it's a time for poetry, imagination and love, so don't argue over trivial facts.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

Some of your stars are at their most intense, romantic and imaginative, so you may reach the clouds, but could be let down if your hopes are unrealistic. I have a feeling that it may be something in the news or on TV which exerts the strongest influence on your delicate feelings.

### LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)

The line-up of planets in your chart really is rather intriguing, to say the least, but if you're too self-centred you may be knocked off your perch. The Greeks had a word called hubris to describe the pride that comes before a fall, and this is precisely what you should guard against.

### VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sept 23)

It's an important time of the month, and one when you would quite honestly do best to check out what other people are doing. It might be a good idea to team up with like-minded souls in a group or society of some sort. A social obligation might have to be abandoned to make the necessary room.

### LIBRA

(Sept 24 - Oct 23)

The whole point about today's planetary picture is that it creates events which are utterly unpredictable. There is supposed to be an uncertainty about the future, but this is really a rather good thing, for it enables you to change your direction and approach in both personal and professional issues.

### SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You may give freer rein to some of your classic Scorpionic instincts, in particular your love of the exotic of mysterious worlds and spiritual investigation. It's time to travel to the ends of the earth, if only in your dreams. But if you can plan a round the world trip, then how about it?

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 22)

If you have any financial concerns at all, you must devote whatever time is necessary to sorting them out, and don't rest until every last detail is clear. As ever, legal issues seem to have an important bearing on your plans. Do you know your rights?

### CAPRICORN

(Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Everything that happens now will evoke fond memories, perhaps of last year. However, while I have no nostalgia, this is no time to dwell on the past. Contemplate the future with hope and optimism, even if someone close is behaving strangely.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Two parts of your chart stand out today, and the most important areas of your life therefore involve work and love, including your emotional well-being. In each you should think in terms of a completely fresh start and a break with the habits of the past.

### PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

I know it's difficult, but if you can focus on love, pure and simple, devoid of possessiveness, jealousy, this could be a very special time indeed. This is also, by the way, a perfect moment for all of you pursuing personal and creative projects.

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ACROSS

1 How one moves in soft shoes? (8)  
5 The odd dose of poetry? (4)  
9 Unadulterated eastern food product (5)  
10 Sack and what may be put in it (7)  
11 It is kept from going astray by crooks (5,2,5)  
13 They may advance or stop if ordered (6)  
14 Nigel's one and only composition (6)  
17 Lessen stress by sorting out lack of sleep (12)  
20 Advice on clues in anagram form (7)  
21 This excuse is out of place (5)  
22 In a zoo you may see one close up (4)  
23 Travellers in South Africa (8)

DOWN

1 Drains made up as an afterthought (4)  
2 Artist takes sick during disastrous tour (7)  
3 Shine in languages (6,6)  
4 Keep at work (6)  
6 Avoid yielding a trick (5)  
7 Fought against being declared redundant (8)  
8 It normally completes the written enquiry (8,4)  
12 Is good at drawing? (8)  
15 Rages if source of heat is changed (3,4)  
16 Lost out to Queen's horseman (6)  
18 The composer went this way to the States (5)  
19 Lack of objectivity one gets in arts graduates (4)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Jumbles: HEDGE LEAKY PARADE TURNIP  
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# CONG FILES PLAINT AGAINST BJP, BOMMAI RUBBISHES CHARGES

Blatant attempt to hijack democracy, says GOP; Cong desperate as they fear losing polls: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru, Belagavi

THE Opposition Congress on Wednesday filed a complaint against Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, BJP national president JP Nadda, state president and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel and former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, accusing them of trying to bribe voters and conspiring to distribute Rs 30,000 crore. Bommai dismissed the allegations and termed it a desperate act.

In the complaint filed with the High Grounds police station in Bengaluru, Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar stated that on January 22, BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi announced in Belagavi that BJP would pay Rs 6,000 to every voter in the state. "It is a blatant and brazen attempt to hijack democracy. The BJP leaders are hatching a conspiracy to woo voters by distributing Rs 30,000 crore for winning the election," the Congress leaders stated. Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar and other senior leaders went to the police station to file the complaint. "There is a whole group of individuals involved in this conspiracy and it will become apparent once the above said four persons are arrested," the Congress leaders said. Shivakumar asked why the Income Tax Department is not investigating it.

**Cong gave birth to corruption: CM**

Bommai said the whole country knows it was Congress that gave birth to corruption. "Congress promised Rs 2,000 for every woman and 200 units of power free for every family. If the same yardstick is applied, are Congress leaders not guilty? Are they not making new promises to woo the voters," he asked.



A host of Congress leaders, including KPCC chief DK Shivakumar and CLP leader Siddaramaiah, submits a complaint against several BJP leaders in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Congress leaders are filing such complaints as they are sure of losing the Assembly elections, he said. "Let there be an inquiry. We can also file hundreds of such complaints against them but ultimately it is the people who will decide," he said. Pressure cookers, with pictures of four to five MLAs, have been distributed to voters, and there is evidence of it. Commercial tax officials caught and fined four persons in Kuniyal, details will be collected and it will be inquired, he said.

He also rubbished AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surejwala's allegations that irregularities are occurring in recruitments in all departments and that jobs are being sold. The selection of teachers without writing the examination when the Congress was in power is being inquired, he said. "If the jobs have been sold, it was during the Congress government and the inquiry will reveal everything," he added. Bommai said in Kalburagi, a police constable was promoted as DIG and an FIR was filed after his retirement. "It was Congress that sold jobs when in power..." he added.

## My remark twisted: Ramesh Jarkiholi

BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi on Wednesday said his recent statement of bribing voters Rs 6,000 was twisted. Jarkiholi clarified that what he meant was that he was ready to spend the money for the welfare of the constituency. "I am a six-time MLA and educated. I am aware of the law and know what to speak. I never said I will distribute money to the voters," he defended. He alleged that Congress MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar was distributing several items to the voters in Belagavi Rural constituency openly and without any fear. "Isn't it appeasement politics by Hebbalkar? Congress leaders have announced free power for the people ahead of elections. Don't you call it appeasement politics? I only said I am ready to spend money for people's welfare in the constituency," he clarified.

# Siddu, Sudhakar trade barbs over graft

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@ Bengaluru/Kolar

CONGRESS Legislature Party (CLP) leader Siddaramaiah and Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar traded barbs against each other over the issue of corruption. In a heated war of words, Siddaramaiah alleged that Sudhakar had misappropriated funds to the tune of Rs 3,000 during the Covid-19 pandemic 2020-21. Reacting to the charge, Sudhakar said that he would be ready for execution in public if the charges against him were proved.

Sudhakar had on Tuesday cited a CAG report and alleged that there was corruption to the tune of Rs 35,000 crore dur-

ing the Siddaramaiah-led Congress regime (2013-18). Reacting to the charge, Siddaramaiah presented certain documents of the CAG before the media questioning Sudhakar's allegations. "The AG's report on the financial status for the year 2016-17 was given in 2018. It had said that 'non-reconciliation of expenditure was to the extent of 19 per cent (Rs 35,000 crore) of the total expenditure of Rs 1,86,052 crore in the budget', he explained. "Most of the time, the reconciliation expenditure doesn't match with the total expenditure and in 2008-09 there was 49 per cent non-recognised grant. Do you know which government was in power? In 2015-16, only 16 per cent of grants

were unmatched when we were in power", he said

He added, "Assembly Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri has not placed Public Accounts Committee chairman HK Patil's report in the House with regard to Rs 3,000 corruption charges against Sudhakar as he (Kageri) is a puppet of RSS".

In fact, former union minister M Veerappa Moily was against issuing Congress party ticket to Sudhakar (who was with the Congress then) from Chikkaballapura Assembly seat in 2018 as he had said that "he should not be given a ticket as he is a big fraud", Siddaramaiah revealed.

On Sudhakar's allegation

about a scam in white topping works in Bengaluru, Siddaramaiah clarified that the then state government led by BS Yeddyurappa had appointed a committee that investigated the case and filed its report following which the government clarified that there was no wrongdoing.

On Siddaramaiah declaring that he would contest from Kolar constituency, Dr Sudhakar said that some Congress leaders in the district have misguided the former chief minister. He said that he will be defeated in the Assembly election from Kolar seat and predicted that Siddaramaiah will not contest from Kolar and choose Varuna constituency instead.

# Siddu will choose a seat in Mysuru, predicts BSY

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH former CM BS Yeddyurappa predicting on Monday that CLP leader Siddaramaiah is unlikely to contest from Kolar assembly seat, but will choose a constituency in Mysuru district for the upcoming assembly polls, there is a fresh debate as to whether the two leaders are in close touch.

He also asserted that Siddaramaiah will be defeated wherever he contests from.

According to sources, the RSS think-tank had planned to pitch Yeddyurappa's son BY Vijayendra against Siddaramaiah if he contested from Varuna, following which the latter changed his strategy. During the 2018 assembly polls, Vijayendra was all set to contest from Varuna and went there to file his nomination papers, but at the last minute was advised by some BJP leaders not to file his papers. This made the contest easy for Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yatindra, who won the seat.

This time, even before the

party high command took a call, Yeddyurappa had announced that his son Vijayendra would contest from Shikaripura assembly constituency. But the RSS and BJP think-tank still plans to shift him to Varuna and get an ordinary worker elected from Shikaripura. The strategy is to win Shikaripura with Yeddyurappa's image, and use Vijayendra's organisational skills in Varuna and adjacent seats in Old Mysuru region, as he had helped the BJP win the KR Pete bypoll.

Realising this, Siddaramaiah had opened the option of Kolar, which has a considerable backward classes, minority and Dalit population. "If Amit Shah instructs Vijayendra, the latter has to take up Varuna in the interest of the party, and then Siddaramaiah will stick to Kolar," a BJP source said. But Siddaramaiah, who has been getting his own survey done of both Varuna and Kolar seats, will eventually choose one of them based on a February survey, according to sources.

POLITICAL THEATRE

## How many promises did you fulfil, Cong asks BJP

Bengaluru: A day after BJP state chief Nalin Kumar Kateel alleged that Congress was misleading people with false promises, Congress leaders hit back saying that the BJP has fulfilled not even 10% of the 600 promises it made. "Sri Nalin Kateel, Congress had made 162 promises and fulfilled 158. Can you please enlighten people of Karnataka how many of the 600 promises has been fulfilled?...", tweeted Congress MLA Priyank Kharge.

# Unique 13<sup>th</sup> century Hoysala hero stone found

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

A FIRST-of-its kind unique unpublished hero stone inscription and sculpture of the Hoysala period was discovered by a team from the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) of Central Institute of Indian Languages in Mysuru.

Following information given by Prof Rangaraju NS, archaeologist and heritage expert, Shashidara CA, a senior research fellow of CESCK, found this special hero stone at Chakashettyhalli village in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district. The hero stone, said to be of the time of Veeraballala II of the Hoysalas, has sculptural panels in three tiers and two panels in the middle containing

inscriptional texts.

The hero stone's estampages were taken and after studying, it was found that Daasara Shetthalli (current day Chakashettyhalli) was an important administrative centre during the Hoysala period. Masanayya was the Shthanika, an important position in Hoysala administration, who fought in the war and was gravely wounded. Out of love for her husband, Masanayya's wife also wanted to die. Masanayya stabbed her and also ended his life. The hero stone was erected to commemorate the sacrifice of both of them. Prof Rangaraju revealed that usually hero stones are erected to commemorate the heroes who fought and died. "While Mahasati stones are

A woman two-wheeler rider, who had entered a one-way from the wrong side, died after a speeding goods vehicle crashed into her at Chikkagollarahatti on Magadi Road, Bengaluru, on Tuesday. The deceased, identified as Nalini, took a turn near Machohalli when the accident occurred. She wanted to avoid the regular road as there was some development work going on. The police took the driver into custody

COPS DEPLOYED

# Temple shut as 'untouchable' groom heads for ritual

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR  
@ Gadag

EVEN as the country is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', an incident of untouchability has been reported from Shyagoti village, 13 km from Gadag town, on Tuesday.

The incident took place when a bridegroom, Sharanu Madar, a farmer and his family members were on their way to a temple to perform a pre-marriage ritual called Devara Karya. To their shock, they saw that all shops along the way and the Dyamavva Temple were they were going to perform the ritual were shut. The family has alleged that the shops and the temple were forced to shut down on the orders of some people belonging to upper caste, who threatened to collect a fine of Rs 2,500 if people from lower castes were entertained.

The untouchability issue was brought to the notice of Gadag's deputy commissioner during a programme on January 21 following which he directed the tahsildar to visit the village and resolve the matter. However, as no effective measures were taken, the issue resurfaced and police had to be deployed.

When Sharanu's family members enquired why the temple was closed, they were



Police personnel deployed at Shyagoti village, Gadag district | EXPRESS

All shops are closed whenever there is any event in our family. The shop owners shut their shops out of fear to pay the fine. This situation is prevalent in many villages...

Sharanu Madar

told that it was shut since early morning. The victim's family, however, lodged a complaint with the tahsildar. According to them, the temple was open in the morning and was closed by the authorities concerned only after the news of Sharanu's family members and relatives heading to the temple, spread.

Sharanu said, "All shops are closed whenever there is any event in our family. The shop owners shut their shops out of fear to pay the fine.

This situation is prevalent in many villages. Though the shop owners don't disclose the reason openly, they even refuse to give us the product we ask for by saying that it is unavailable. The tahsildar and authorities concerned have convened peace meetings at a temple in the past. The upper caste people agree to abide by the rules in the meeting but go back to their old ways later." The villagers say that this practice is not new and is secretly being followed for decades.

Gadag tahsildar Kishan Kalal said, "We have deployed police personnel in the village and formed a team of officials to create awareness about social equality. No untoward incident happened on Tuesday. We are thinking of bringing in stricter rules to eradicate this practice".

# RAMESH SAYS DKS BEHIND CD GATE, WANTS CBI PROBE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Belagavi

GOKAK Member of Legislative Assembly **Ramesh Jarkiholi** on Wednesday said it was Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar who trapped him in the sleaze CD case.

Jarkiholi claimed that he has an audio clip to prove the involvement of Shivakumar in the making of the CD. "In the clip, Shivakumar says he is ready to spend Rs 40 crore to trap me in the CD case. I will soon meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah to demand a CBI inquiry into the CD case to expose Shivakumar," he said.

Speaking at Nippani, near Belagavi, Jarkiholi said he will also appeal to the state government to hand over the case to the CBI at the earliest.



"Shivakumar has spoilt my personal life and I will not let him go scotfree. At least 90 to 110 CDs were seized during a raid conducted by the police on the house of one of the accused in the CD case from Devanahalli. Interestingly, a CD in which the officer who raided the house was speaking about money involved in the CD incident, was also recovered from the same spot. The accused whose house was raided in Devanahalli is a close associate of Shivakumar," alleged Jarkiholi.

However, Jarkiholi dared Shivakumar to release more CDs about the former and said, "Let Shivakumar release 100 CDs involving me. I am not afraid of anybody. I just want to expose Shivakumar and his involvement in the CD incident," he elaborated.



Pejawar Mutt seer Sri Vishwaprassanna Theertha in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# No difference between Rama Bhakti & Desh Bhakti: Seer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

PEJAWAR Mutt seer and Ram Janmabhoomi Trust member Sri Vishwaprassanna Theertha has made an appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch *Rama Rajya Sankalpa Abhiyan* where people can take up noble work to help the needy. Speaking to reporters here on Wednesday, the seer urged people to dedicate their noble work to Lord Ram.

"If you have the capacity to spend Rs 5 lakh each year, try constructing a house with minimal requirement for a homeless person in the name of Lord Ram. Such a noble deed need not be just in the form of money. If you are a teacher, teach 10 poor kids for free. If you are a doctor, treat 10 poor patients for free... if you are a lawyer, help the needy without charging any fee. When you go to have darshan of Lord Ram next year (in Ayodhya), offer your noble deeds to Lord Ram," he said.

He said that there is no difference between Rama Bhakti and Desh Bhakti. "Service to the country and service to Lord Ram are the same," he said.

"We can develop a Rama Rajya app where we can feed data of such good works carried out in every village, district and state. If anyone asks what good deeds we have done, we can show it to them through the app. Through this we will celebrate patriotism and show our devotion to Lord Ram," he added.

The seer also added that Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will be completed by next year. "Installation of Lord Ram idol will be done after next year's Makara Sankranti," he added.



The hero stone at Chakashettyhalli village in Mandya district | EXPRESS









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## TECH COMPANIES GET LEAN AND MEAN ON THE DOWNTURN

As the global economy slows down, jobs are evaporating. But the daily march of firings coming from technology and app-based services is truly disturbing. A few days ago, online food delivery platform Swiggy said it was laying off 380 employees due to over-hiring and 'poor judgment'. Over the last few months, fund-starved startups in India have sacked over 18,000 personnel. A study showed that 44% of the total layoffs among these companies were from edtech firms like Unacademy and Byjus, who had prospered during the Covid months. Some firings are a trickle-down effect of international technology majors like Meta, Google and Amazon.

Google chief Sundar Pichai said the drastic job cuts were to adjust to what he called the new 'economic reality'. It is a euphemism companies use for downsizing to synchronize with the slowdown and to a possible recession when business orders will fall. These companies rode the Covid wave when technology-based businesses grew at a spanking pace and recruited aggressively to match their needs. As the global economy applied the brakes last year, and in the first month of 2023, tech companies, including Amazon, Twitter, Google, Microsoft, and many more, shed over 200,000 employees.

Tech companies, who expanded the fastest during the pandemic, are the hardest hit today as they carry the most baggage. Data from layoffs.fyi and other crowdsourced job sites show that 2022 was probably the worst year for tech companies, but they predict the worst is yet to come in the first half of calendar 2023. The startup revolution, which saw thousands of new ideas hit the market, began declining before Covid-19 broke out in March 2020. Curiously, while the traditional brick-and-mortar economy sank in India and elsewhere, technology firms, including edtech startups, online delivery platforms, etc., bloomed to cater to an entire population stuck at home. With some normalcy returning, many of these forays find they had overplayed their hand with other peoples' money and have now been benched. The takeaway is: Business cannot be built with a six-month vision. Investment plans must be more long-term, perhaps five years at the very least. There can be no laws to restrict hiring, nor can you stop companies from shedding surplus workers. Current fluid conditions demand tech workers don't get carried away and to weigh their options carefully to prevent getting singed on the downturn.

## TOUGHER PENALTIES MUST TO REIN IN ROAD RAGE

First Delhi, now Surat. Two accident victims were dragged to death by car drivers for several kilometres on busy city roads. Hit-and-run accidents are turning into spine-chilling hit-and-drag incidents. There has been a rash of such acts, which has left the country horrified. Kanpur saw a similar accident where two women were dragged along with their scooter, and Bengaluru saw two such incidents in a week—a 71-year-old citizen dragged for over a kilometre, clinging to a two-wheeler, and a woman driving with a person on her bonnet.

All these 'accidents' are classified under road rage—aggressive behaviour targeted at other motorists—and could range from abuse to violence. Punishment for road rage is not severe for the first offence, it is imprisonment of up to six months and/or a fine of up to ₹10,000, and for the second offence, two years imprisonment and/or a fine of ₹15,000. Such offences should attract tougher action and even suspension or revocation of driving licence. The perpetrators of hit-and-drag accidents, whether fatal or otherwise, should be charged with murder. Often, such inhuman acts are deliberate rather than accidental and are not prompted by road rage alone. The men were drunk in the Delhi case but knew they were dragging the girl's body. In the Bengaluru case, the youngster dragging the senior citizen was unrepentant. Psychologists have suggested that a mental fitness certificate should be made mandatory along with a driving licence. The other strange phenomenon is filming such acts and uploading videos on social media instead of immediately calling law enforcement authorities. While such videos do help nail the offender, the intention is questionable.

These incidents also highlight that road sense and traffic etiquette on Indian roads are deplorable, and safety is at a premium. This is especially so for pedestrians, marginalised and deprived of even the right to cross a road. Impatient, rash drivers in big vehicles, honking indiscriminately, are the norm. Disciplined traffic movement and management in advanced countries should serve as a template for our cities. We need extensive lessons on road behaviour for every driver, preferably taught in school. Drivers should remember that a powerful vehicle brings the added responsibility of ensuring safety. The presence of traffic police officers and CCTV cameras is imperative and should help bring some semblance of order on the roads.

### QUICK TAKE

#### SMALL PRINT OF EGG-LAYING

Eggs are scarce in New Zealand as battery cage eggs are finally banned. Prices are up, and purchase limits are in. The small wired cages cramp all movement, and proximity often causes injuries and diseases. By 2027, free-roaming hens may become compulsory worldwide. In India, battery cages are used despite the Law Commission advising a ban. A Uttarakhand high court in 2018 declared these cages illegal, but egg farmers protested, saying that it harms their livelihood. The same year, the Delhi high court asked the Centre to frame rules for bio-safe and compassionate housing for the birds. The wait continues.

One of the beautiful aspects of democracy is its sense of diversity and complexity. When the official theories of democracy are wearing out and its major concepts look mouldy, democracy is busy reinventing itself at the margins.

At a time when electoral democracy is ossifying in majoritarian authoritarianism, minorities are reinventing a direct and dialogic democracy. This experiment in dialogic democracy has as its roots the dialogue of religions. This creation myth is reinvented and applied to culture, science, and politics. As a Jesuit scholar explained to me, minorities are tired of being labelled as minorities. The label of minority is half-stigma, half-uniform. "As a minority I am subject to a majority and have to pass its loyalty tests. I am tired of being a minority. I want to celebrate my citizenship as an Indian," the scholar said.

The dialogue of religion and democracy are reinvention exercises. They challenge the indirectness and the distance representative democracy creates by reinventing the intimacy of the face to face. Dialogues rework memories and reinvent not just democracy but the original idea of enlightenment. In the original slogan of liberty, equality and fraternity, the first two concepts were strong in Western thought. But fraternity as a theory of difference was weak. The enlightenment theories of difference such as tolerance, liberalism, and secularism failed to work beyond a point. Democracy needed to re-theorise diversity, and so dialogue became the instrument for that. Dialogue is essentially an adventure exploring difference.

As the philosopher and theologian Raimundo Panikkar put it, "Dialogue is a pilgrimage into the domain of the other so that one can discover oneself." The other survives in all its creative difference between play, plurality, and pilgrimage. Dialogue in fact becomes a trusteeship of difference.

One witnessed the creativity and inventiveness of such an exercise at the Dialogues Conference at the Dharmaram Academy in Bengaluru recently. The seminar hosted over 40 philosophers, about 30 Tibetan monks, and a medley of theologians, and became a festival of tribal and Dalit activists and intellectuals. The arguments were fresh and went beyond the cliches of the postmodern. The Christian theologians asked what it meant for Asia to go beyond a Christian West. The Dalits challenged the ossification of the idea of the subaltern by saying that Dalits are not reducible to diaspora. The tribals pushing the *indigenista* ideas argued that Christianity had im-

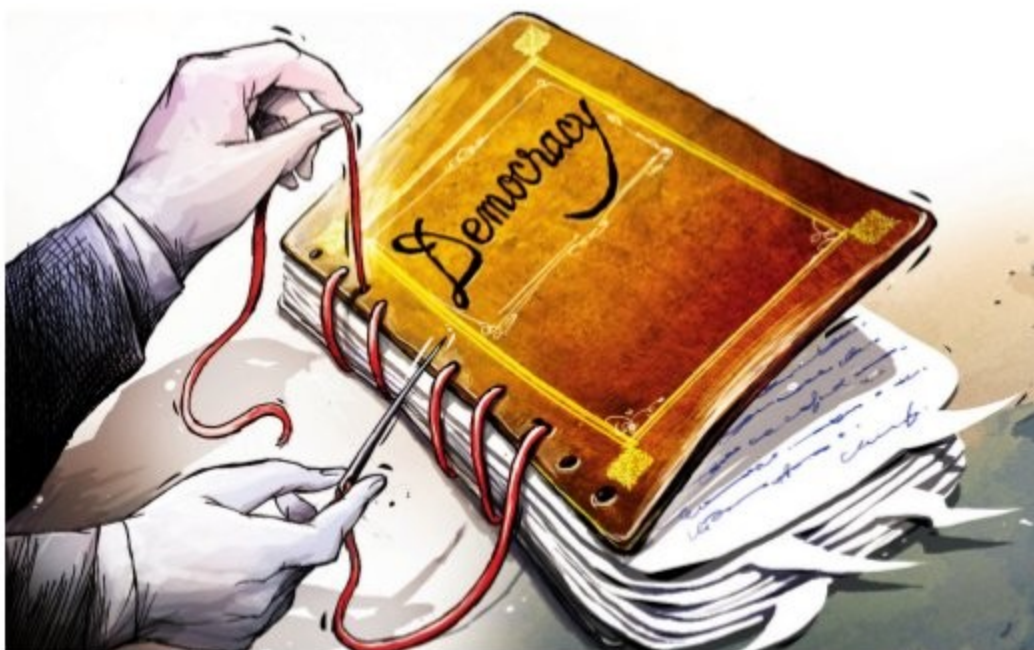
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## IMPORTANCE OF DIALOGUE IN DEMOCRACY

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Social scientist associated with THE COMPOST HEAP, a group researching alternative imaginations



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erished ecology and destroyed their livelihood. The young Tibetan monks suggested that Tibetans in exile are not merely diasporic but added to the imaginations of difference in India. Exile is not a passive state but an invitation to reinvention.

The power of dialogue reappears in some recent experiments. Probably the most powerful was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Commission was that moral point where the violence of the anti-apartheid guerrilla gave way to the non-violent Satyagrahi. Mandela appointed Desmond Tutu in charge of the commission.

Tutu, an Anglican Bishop who won the Nobel Peace Prize, was a relaxed theologian. He joked about himself, claiming only in his name did TU and TU make four. He listened patiently to the Anglo-Saxon cri-

tique, which held that neither the Apartheid nor the Holocaust could be forgiven. He conceded that he admired the achievements of Anglo-Saxon law.

He then added that African cosmology had a different solution as its folklore created the concept and theatre of forgiveness through the folk cosmology of *Ubuntu*. Scene after scene at the Truth Commission attested to Tutu's insight. A woman confronts a man who tortured her son and tells him: "I can live without my son but you cannot survive without my forgiveness." In another, a torturer washes the feet of his victim as an appeal for reconciliation.

The Truth Commission as an idea is fascinating. The Truth Commission, people realise, is an act of ethical repair, and societies subject to violence need desperate heal-

## REDUCING COST OF DOING BUSINESS

The Government of India has been on a mission mode to improve the ease of doing business (EoDB). Not surprisingly, India's rank improved by 79 positions from 142nd in 2014 to 63rd in 2019, as per the last World Bank annual ratings. At the sub-national level, there is intense competition among states, and within a state, among districts to improve EoDB in their respective domains. EoDB has improved for sure, if not uniformly across India.

Business growth, however, does not seem commensurate because the cost of doing business (CoDB) has not reduced as much. EoDB gets enhanced if the law entitles an entity to get approval, resources, and whatever else is required to start a business, carry it on and discontinue it. For example, the law entitles a firm to registration if it meets the prescribed eligibility norms. It, however, adds to CoDB if an entity meeting the norms fails to get registration or gets it after a considerable time. Thus, EoDB and CoDB may pull businesses in opposite directions.

The absence of quality institutions increases CoDB. Take the example of the rule of law, a key market economy institution. If a firm manipulates the stock market and thereby secures capital at a lower cost, an honest firm may not survive the competition. Investors may desert the stock market altogether if a few dishonest firms manipulate the market and get away. The rule of law reduces market manipulation, ensures a level playing field, and strengthens the stock market while encouraging honest business.

A stock market that witnesses 100 episodes of manipulation a year is more costly to business than one which witnesses 10 episodes. A banking system that loses 20% of its assets to frauds and NPA a year is more costly to a business than one that loses 2% of its assets. A market that encounters 100 incidents of abuse of dominance a year is more expensive to a business than one with 10 incidents. An economy where 50% of contracts are enforced is more costly to businesses than one where 90% are enforced. A system where firms encounter 100 frivolous court cases a year is more costly for a business than one where firms encounter 10 cases. The high-quality rule of law improves these parameters and thereby reduces CoDB.

Money has a time value. Having one rupee tomorrow is less valuable than having it today. Let us say the value of one rupee after 'n' years is 50 paise today. Most market transactions/disputes/appeals/approvals

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have money as underlying. Money flows if the transaction is completed, the dispute is resolved, the appeal is disposed of, or approval is granted. If it is delayed for 'n' years for any institutional deficiency, 50% of the money is lost. This loss can be avoided if the state agency, firm, and everyone having a role in a transaction/dispute/appeal/approval discharges responsibility within timelines and are liable if they fail to do so. Money is harvested early if the law provides for deemed approvals of transactions and registrations where the authority fails to decide before the expiry of the



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timeline, and such authority is liable for the consequences of such deemed approval. These improve the rule of law index, reduce CoDB, and make many more businesses viable.

Several state agencies are responsible for the governance of markets. Many of them are independent, by design or practice. They need independence in the interest of their efficiency and effectiveness. One rarely asks for accountability. Some even consider accountability as an encroachment on independence. However, the government is accountable to the electorate for the performance of every state agency and is called upon to carry out rescue operations when any state agency fails. An objective, formal,

and periodic performance evaluation of every state agency having an interface with the market minimises wrong and delayed decisions, improves their performance, and reduces CoDB.

Regulators are key institutions of the market economy. Every regulation has a cost. Compliance is the largest department of most businesses today. The regulator should carry out a regulatory impact assessment before making any regulations to minimise costs to the business. It should make regulations only when benefits exceed costs and regulatory choice is the most efficient and effective.

A market economy works best when every state agency discharges the roles assigned to it and does not usurp the roles assigned to another agency. Tribunals should not attempt to examine vires of statute and regulations, which is an exclusive domain of the high courts. This adds to CoDB regarding legal uncertainty, foregone transactions, and avoidable litigation. This reduces the time available for the tribunal concerned; therefore, the role assigned to it suffers, which further adds to CoDB.

Given the time value of money, business laws often prescribe timelines for completing various tasks. Courts have ruled those timelines to be mandatory. However, the timelines for tasks undertaken by judicial agencies are considered a directory. These agencies dealing with markets should understand and care about the time value of money.

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The budget provides a unique opportunity for the government to present its strategy and priorities to achieve its objectives. A key priority could be building institutional capacity in the country to improve EoDB further and reduce CoDB. It may begin with time-bound services by all state agencies, external assessment of their performance, and regulatory impact assessment, proactively removing obstructions on business and unleashing animal spirits fully.

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#### Unmissable lessons

The 'Faithline' in TNIE's Monday edition gets special with Renuka Narayanan's stories from yore. It is unmissable for readers. These stories remind one to be level-headed and not be egoistic. It also teaches one to be concerned for fellow beings.

K R Venkata Narasimhan, Madurai

#### When old meets new

Though I am not an avid newspaper reader, it is Renuka Narayanan's columns that draw me to The New Indian Express every Monday. The manner in which she retells folklore is very amusing and interesting to read. How she aligns the contemporary with the ancient makes it a very enjoyable experience.

Chandra V, email

#### A new world order

Apropos of *From the Global South to G20, with despair and concern* (Jan 25), India is now the front-runner among other countries. With the global economy and wealth out of the control of a handful of countries, the developing nations are playing a vital role in shaping the world economy. 'Voice of the Global South' is a good initiative by India in this case and the inclusion of member countries covering all political hues and economic systems is much appreciated.

Gyan Chaturvedi, Vizianagaram

#### India stood its ground

P S Raghavan's column is an eye-opener. Many nations sought help from our PM in sorting out the issues. The independent approach adopted by the government has protected us from the price rise. As the column mentions, indigenously developed 5G can be transferred to poorer countries at an affordable price.

Sivakumar Nair, Palakkad

#### BJP vs BBC

The BJP government has rushed to block the BBC documentary, saying that it is an affront and attack on the sovereignty of India! One wonders if the BJP would have rushed this way if the documentary had targeted an opposition leader.

Tharidus S Fernando, Chennai

#### Losing jobs

Apropos of *Layoffs do not mean the end, some respite in the picture* (Jan 25). When big tech companies like Amazon, Microsoft, Google, etc., have laid off a significant number of employees in the USA, it is bound to shatter those who have faced the axe. But the overall job scenario in India is good and will soon reach pre-Covid levels. And although a job in India may not match US salaries, having a job back home is also good.

Bal Govind, Noida



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on its 53rd Statehood Day**Salman Khurshid** @salman7khurshid  
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doctors! I am honoured to be invited at AIIMS to  
speak at TEDx AIIMS on the topic of Education.**Amit Shah** @AmitShah  
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derlines the responsibility of citizens to use their  
voting rights to build a powerful nation.

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# 'Most sectors of economy have recovered from Covid'

Prez lauds govt efforts in her maiden address on eve of R-Day

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @Chennai

INDIA has become the 5th largest economy in the world, thanks to timely and proactive interventions from the government amid uncertainties persisted around the world, President Droupadi Murmu said in her maiden address to the nation on the eve of 74th Republic Day.

She lauded the country's efforts to come out from the downturn brought by the pandemic.

"Guided by our able leadership and driven by our resilience, we soon came out of the downturn and resumed the growth saga. Most sectors of the economy have shaken off the pandemic effect. India has been among the fastest growing major economies. This has been made possible due to timely and proactive interventions from the government," the President said.

Speaking about education, she said as education builds the right foundation. The National Education Policy has introduced ambitious changes. She also appreciated the Dig-



## WHAT SHE SAID

- India became the fifth largest economy in the world
- The Digital India Mission is striving to make information and communication technology inclusive by bridging the rural-urban divide
- Women empowerment and gender equality are no longer mere slogans, as "we have made great progress towards these ideals" in recent years
- Tribal communities, in particular, have rich lessons to offer in many areas, ranging from protecting the environment to making the society more cohesive

ital India Mission saying that it strives to make information and communication technology inclusive by bridging the rural-urban divide.

"India has been among the handful of pioneers in space technology. The 'Gaganyaan' program to carry Indian astronauts into space is under progress. This will be India's maiden human space flight," she added. She also said that women's empowerment and gender equality are no longer mere slogans as India has made great progress towards

these ideals in recent years. "The same vision of empowerment guides the Government's approach to the marginalised communities, including the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. In fact, the aim is not only to remove hurdles and help them in development, but also to learn from them. Tribal communities, in particular, have rich lessons to offer in many areas, ranging from protecting the environment to making the society more cohesive," she said.

## FLIGHT DELAYS

### DGCA amends rules for better refunds to fliers

**YESHI SELI** @ New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has amended its Civil Aviation Requirement that will help passengers with better refunds if they are involuntarily downgraded or their flights cancelled.

"This will ensure that facilities are provided to passengers by airlines due to denied boarding, cancellation of flights and delays in flights. This will strengthen the rights of air travellers who are impacted at the last minute by being involuntarily downgraded and carried in a class lower than what was due to them based on the ticket that they purchased," said the DGCA.

Following this amendment, the airlines would be liable to reimburse 75 per cent of the cost of the ticket (inclusive of taxes) if the passenger is flying on the domestic sector. Meanwhile, for those passengers flying on the international sector, 30 per cent of the cost of ticket (inclusive of taxes) would be mandated for flights that cover a distance of 1,500 km or less.

# CRPF leads gallantry award tally, 4 cops get Kirti Chakra

**MAYANK SINGH** @ New Delhi

THE men in Khaki have won four Kirti Chakra and three Shaurya Chakra awards for their conspicuous display of Gallantry. Constable Rohit Kumar, Sub Inspector Deepak Bhardwaj, Head Constables Sodhi Narayan and Shrawan Kashyap have been posthumously awarded with Kirti Chakra with country's second highest highest peacetime gallantry award.

Deputy Commandant Vikki Kumar Pandey, Assistant Commandant Satendra Singh and Constable Vijay Oraon have been awarded Shaurya Chakra.

The personnel of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have been awarded the maximum number of Gallantry awards among the CAPFs on the eve of Republic Day. Of the total of 140 Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG), 48 awards have been given to the personnel of CRPF and it includes also the 10 who were awarded posthumously.

President Droupadi Murmu awarded on Wednesday a total of 901 Police personnel with the Police Medals on the occasion of the Republic Day. Presi-

## Six Kirti Chakra for Armymen

Supreme Commander of Armed Forces President Droupadi Murmu on the eve of 74th Republic Day has awarded the second highest peacetime gallantry award Kirti Chakras (KCs) to six uniformed personnel including four posthumous. Major Shubhang and Naik Jitendra Singh of the Indian Army are among the Kirti Chakra awardees. The other four KCs include Jammu and Kashmir Police constable Rohit Kumar, and all have been awarded posthumously. As per the citations, Indian Army's Major Shubhang has been awarded Kirti Chakra for eliminating terrorists in an encounter in Budgam in Kashmir in April 2022. Naik Jitendra Singh acted as lead guide in three operations in J&K which resulted in elimination of seven terrorists. The President has also awarded 15 Shaurya Chakras to the uniformed personnel including two posthumous. Captain Rakesh TR of Special Forces (9 PARA) of the Indian Army has been awarded Shaurya Chakra for eliminating one terrorist and foiling a fidayeen (suicide) attack during Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled rally in Jammu in April 2022. Shaurya Chakra is the third highest peacetime Gallantry Award. The President has overall approved 412 gallantry awards and other defence decorations to armed forces personnel and others.

dent's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM) to 93 and Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PM) have been awarded to 668.

The list 140 Gallantry awards also includes 24 personnel who are getting the award more than once. Second in Command (2-IC) Prakash Ranjan Mishra of CRPF is given the award for

the fifth time. Furqan Qadir, SDPO and G V Sundeeep Chakravarty, IPS, serving as Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of JKP, 2-IC Narendra Yadav and Prahalad Sahay Choudhary of CRPF and Lalit Mohan Negi Assistant Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police have been bestowed the gallantry award for third time.

## SENSITIVE INFO

### Chidambaram backs collegium over IB report

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

A day after Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju expressed concerns and termed Supreme Court collegium's decision to make public sensitive reports of Research & Analysis Wing & Intelligence Bureau as matter of grave concern, former Finance Minister and Congress leader P Chidambaram said that collegium didn't reveal any sensitive material touching upon person's integrity or nation's security.

Taking to twitter, the former Finance Minister on Wednesday said, "Why is Law Minister Kiren Rijiju taking offence at the Collegium 'revealing' the IB and RAW reports on three names being considered for judgeship? The Collegium did not reveal any sensitive material touching upon the person's integrity or the nation's security."

The reports contained material that was not germane to the suitability of a person to be a judge."

He also tweeted that people have a right to know when a person considered fit by the Collegium was rejected by the central government on totally arbitrary and irrelevant considerations.

# SC gives 6 weeks to Centre to decide fate of Ukraine-returned medicos

**SHRUTI KAKKAR** @ New Delhi

THE central government on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that it has constituted a committee of experts to find a solution for the students who could not complete their medical training in foreign countries like China and Ukraine due to the ongoing war and the Covid-19 pandemic.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and Vikram Nath adjourned the matter for six weeks after being informed that the committee had met once but needed more time to take a decision. The Centre also needs time to consult with the states. Additional Solicitor General of India Aishwarya Bhati submitted before the bench.

The court also reiterated that it cannot go on compromising with medical education and would go as per the committee's recommendations.

On July 28, the National Medical Commission (NMC) had notified a scheme allowing students who were in the last year of their undergraduate medical course and those who were granted certificate of completion of course/degree before June 30, 2022 to take the

## ALSO IN TOP COURT

### SC grants interim bail to Ashish Mishra

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted an eight-week interim bail to Union minister Ajay Kumar Mishra's son Ashish in the "unfortunate ghastly incident" of violence in 2021 at Lakhimpur Kheri which claimed eight lives, and directed him to leave Uttar Pradesh within one week of his release from jail.

### 1,091 SC judgments in regional languages to be released today

CJI DY Chandrachud on Wednesday announced that the Supreme Court on 74th Republic Day would release over 1,000 rulings translated in regional languages. The CJI said that SC was on a mission for the provision of its verdict in all scheduled languages. He said that translation now was happening at a faster pace.

### Rana Ayyub: SC asks Gzb court to adjourn proceedings till Jan 31

The SC asked a court in Ghaziabad, which has summoned Rana Ayyub in a money laundering case lodged by ED, to adjourn the proceedings scheduled for January 27 to a date after January 31. The SC said it will hear on January 31 the petition of Ayyub challenging the summons issued to her by the special court.

Foreign Medical Graduate Examination. Upon qualifying the FMG examination, the medical graduates were required to undergo Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship for two years. Since the scheme was applicable to students in

their last year and the batch of pleas were filed by students in their penultimate year, the SC while expressing concerns with regards to students' career on December 9 had asked the Centre and NMC to constitute a committee.

# ON REPUBLIC DAY, SALUTING EVERY INDIAN VOTER

**RAJIV KUMAR**  
Chief Election Commissioner  
of India

JANUARY marks the foundation day of the Election Commission of India, celebrated as National Voters' Day (NVD) since 2011. Its purpose is to sensitise the citizens about their rights and responsibilities as voters. The ECI was established on January 25, 1950, on the eve of the first Republic Day.

The Constituent Assembly gave it a constitutional status under Article 324 to ensure the independence of its functioning and decision-making. Establishing a permanent, central and autonomous Commission to conduct elections based on adult suffrage in an era of low literacy and non-existent electoral rolls is a tribute to the foresight of the Constituent Assembly. The institution's competency, impartiality and trustworthiness have been upheld in 17 Lok Sabha elections, 16 elections each to the office of the President and Vice President, and 399 Legislative Assembly elections. The 400th assembly

elections are underway.

Contrary to occasional international experiences, election results in India have never been in dispute. Individual election petitions are adjudicated by relevant High Courts. The ECI has earned the trust of both political parties and citizens of India. The commitment is to enhance and deepen it.

India is the world's largest democracy having 94 crore plus registered electors. Still, the actual voting figure of 67.4 per cent in the last general elections (2019) leaves much to be desired. The challenge is to motivate the missing 30 crore electors to the booth. Missing voters have many dimensions, including urban apathy, youth apathy, domestic migration, etc. As in most liberal democracies, where enrollment and voting are voluntary, persuasive and facilitative methods are best. This entails targeting the low-voting constituencies and underperforming segments of voters.

The ECI has already institutionalised systems for facilitating two crore plus voters of age eighty years and above, eighty-five lakh PWD voters, enrolling 47,500 plus third-gender people. Recently, I thanked over two lakh centenarian voters with a personal letter to recognise their commitment to democracy. On November 5, 2022, I had the honour of paying homage to the late Shyam Saran Negi at Kalpa in Himachal Pradesh. Acknowledged as the first voter in the First General Election of India (1951), he always enjoyed exercis-

ing franchise before passing away at the ripe age of 106 years. His inspires us to cast our vote dutifully.

Young voters are the future of Indian democracy. The next-gen, born around and after 2000, have started joining our electoral roll. Their participation as voters would shape the future of democracy almost throughout the entire

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century. It is, therefore, critical that democratic roots are seeded at the school level before students attain voting age. Simultaneously, youth are engaged through various mediums to bring them to the polling booths. So is the case with urban voters, who tend to display voting apathy.

In a democracy, voters have a right to be informed about the background of the candidates they vote for. Enabling the voter to make informed choices thus assumes critical importance. For this reason, the criminal cases, if any, pending against the candidates should be notified in newspapers. Also, while every political party is within its right

to promise welfare measures in its manifesto, voters equally have the right to know their financial implications to the public exchequer.

Though muscle power has largely been subdued, a few states remain where election-related violence impinges upon the free choice of voters. Violence should have no place in a democracy. Curbing money power remains a bigger challenge in the elections. The scale and quantum of inducement offered to voters are felt more acutely in certain states than others. Though stricter vigilance by law enforcement agencies has resulted in record seizures, as witnessed during recently held elections, there can be no substitute for sincere and vigilant voters in a democracy. Mobile Apps like C-Vigil has helped common citizen report incidents of violation of the Model Code of Conduct, thereby helping the Election Observers initiate prompt action (within 100 minutes) against the offenders.

Hundreds of fake media videos/content are loaded and circulated before every election. Without shelf-life, they continue to linger after the elections are over, especially those which attack key/core election domains. Worldwide, there is a growing expectation that social media platforms proactively use their enormous AI capabilities, in the least, to red flag such evident disinformation efforts. The responsibility to protect free spaces, including free speech, is co-shared.

**YESHI SELI** @ New Delhi

INDIA and Egypt decided on Wednesday to elevate their ties to the level of a strategic partnership, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi resolving to broaden the bilateral engagement in the areas of defence, security and trade, and calling for "zero tolerance" towards terrorism.

Sisi is on a three-day visit to India, and will be the first Egyptian leader to be the chief guest at India's Republic Day on January 26. This is the 68-year-old General-turned-politician's third visit to India. An Egyptian army contingent will also take part in the parade.

"President Sisi and I discussed ways to augment cooperation in healthcare, environment and global supply chains. We also talked about issues pertaining to security and the need to end cross-border terrorism," said PM Modi. The two nations have signed agreements for co-operation in IT, cyber-security, culture, youth matters and broadcasting. Bilateral trade is expected to increase from the existing \$7 billion to \$12 billion in the next five years.

There has also been an interest in promoting trade in the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in New Delhi on Wednesday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Indian rupee.

"When we talk of economic engagement it is very natural to look at all process-based solutions, which can boost trade. If going forward in our discussion we find out that rupee settlement can give a boost, it would be our objective to try and see that international trade in some geographies can get settled in rupee trade," said foreign secretary, Vinay Kwatra.

Meanwhile, both leaders perceived terrorism as the most serious security threat to humanity and agreed that concrete measures were required to end cross-border terrorism. Bilateral cooperation would include sharing of information and intelligence on terrorism.

India has invited Egypt to participate as a guest country in the G20 meetings during its presidency which is a testament of the high priority India attaches to its relations with Egypt. Sisi said Egypt was keen on working with India on counter-terrorism and defence. He said the global economic situation and its impact on developing countries had figured in the talks.

# RSS organises 'Banjara Mahakumbh', aims to unite nomad communities

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the 2024 LS elections, the first of its kind "Banjara-Mahakumbh" started on January 25 with the support of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at Gadri village in Jaggaon district of Maharashtra. The event aims to unite the Gore and other nomadic communities. The "Banjara-Mahakumbh" by the RSS has started in Maharashtra, which is the home of around 5 million people to various nomadic communities.

According to a senior functionary of RSS, over 9-10 lakh people belonging to different nomadic communities are expected to attend the 6-day All India Banjara-Mahakumbh from across the country.

To make the people of the communities aware of their rights, and get attached with the essence of 'Sanatan-vi-char', a galaxy of scholars and functionaries of RSS and other associated organizations like the Dharma Jagaran Manch, are scheduled to attend the con-

ference between January 25 and January 30.

Senior RSS member Suresh 'Bhaiyyaji' Joshi, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnavis are prominent among other leaders, who have consented to take part in the 'Banjara-Mahakumbh'.

Sources in the RSS said that the conference will also raise awareness against the rise in the cases of conversions of Banjara community members by missionaries and others in a well-calculated strategy.

"At a time when the states like Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and others, are slated to go in assembly polls this year, such a conference of marginalized nomadic communities will certainly give a new direction to the nomadic tribes," said a senior functionary of BJP. Sources also claimed that 9-10 lakh people belonging to nomadic castes - Gor Banjara, Labana and Naikda - from the poll-bound states are likely to attend this conference.



# Rahul to visit Joshimath next month

Uttarakhand BJP hits out at scheduled trip, says it will expose Congress' character

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

RAHUL Gandhi will be visiting Joshimath's disaster-hit areas in Uttarakhand next month and interacting with the affected people. State Congress leaders, who were in Jammu to take part in the Bharat Jodo Yatra's 130th day, said they dedicated the day to the disaster of Joshimath. State party chief Karan Mahara said top party leaders party participating in the yatra have voiced their concern about the damage caused by land submergence in Joshimath.

During the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul has called upon everyone to walk together to save Joshimath. "As a Himalayan state, we also have to protect the environment. We have to take care of the interests of the people," he said.

"The government should immediately rehabilitate and compensate so that the lives of those affected can move forward," he said. Soon after the party's announcement of the visit, the BJP described Rahul's proposed yatra as a "double character" of the Congress.

"We do not object to Rahul Gandhi coming to Uttarakhand, but he should not say that the BJP is destroying Uttarakhand," said state BJP spokesperson Sunita Vidyarthi. "The BJP has worked to build on the same foundation that the Con-



Rahul Gandhi waves at supporters during the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Jammu's Ramban district on Wednesday | PTI

gress had laid," he said.

Leader of Opposition Yashpal Arya told this paper that the Yatra was against party politics and those who were spreading hatred in the country. "If the government's intention is clear then they should not object to Rahul's visit to Uttarakhand," said Arya.

"The government has made a big mistake by suppressing the report of 'Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO),' said Arya. Bhuvan Kapri, deputy Congress leader of the opposition in the Assembly, said even when the disaster hit Ke-

darnath, people in the country were scared to come to Kedarnath. At that time too, Rahul came there and sent out a message that Kedarnath was safe."

"There are many Joshimath-like areas that will come up in time. The government is not realizing the seriousness of the situation," said Kapri. On the other hand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said confusion was being spread about Joshimath. "Most shops are open and essential works are going on normally. The NDRF and SDRF teams are deployed to help the affected," he said.

## Bharat Jodo Yatra is a failure, says BJP

With Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra set to enter Kashmir Valley on January 27, the BJP has termed the yatra a "failure" and saying public has shown no enthusiasm towards the yatra. The DAP of Ghulam Nab Azad claimed that Congress leaders are begging for crowds from other parties. People are showing no enthusiasm, senior J&K BJP leader and former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta.

# C'garh notifies old pension plan, 3 lakh govt staff to benefit

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

## C'garh a non BJP-ruled state to opt for OPS

Chhattisgarh is among the non BJP-ruled states like Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Jharkhand to have decided to revert to OPS. Experts cited that the OPS has a guaranteed payout feature with the pay commission dividend without endowment from government staff.

IN pursuance to the decision taken by the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh government, the state finance department has issued notification on the old pension scheme (OPS).

Around 3 lakh government employees as beneficiaries are now given an alternative to opt between the OPS and the new pension scheme (NPS). For this they will have to submit an affidavit and once the choice being given by an employee will not be changed later.

Chief minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced to revive the OPS for the state government employees in his previous budget speech and later in May last year sent a proposal to the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for the withdrawal of ₹17,000 crore accrued under the National Pension Scheme since November 2004.

The CM has also written to the PM Narendra Modi and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to return the state's share in NPS. However the Centre refused the state's demand to give back the amount depos-

ited in the NPS following which the Congress government decided to give an option to its employees to choose between the OPS and the NPS.

During the last winter session of the Lok Sabha, the Centre has conveyed that there was neither any proposal under consideration to restore OPS nor any plan or arrangement on refunding the amount contributed in the NPS.

The Bhupesh Baghel cabinet decided that instead of November 1, 2004, the state employees will become members of the Chhattisgarh General Provident Fund (GPF) on April 1, 2022 and presented an option to those appointed before April 1, 2022, to either remain in the NPS or to join the OPS.

# Post-Godhra riots case: Gujarat court acquits 22 due to lack of evidence

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

GUJARAT's Panchmahal district's Halol town court has acquitted 22 people in a 2002 post-Godhra communal riots case due to lack of evidence, in which they were accused of killing 17 members of a minority community, including two children. The prosecution stated that on February 28, 2002 the victims were killed and their bodies were disposed of by burning to conceal any potential evidence.

Defense lawyer Gopalsinh Solanki said, "The court of Additional Sessions Judge Harsh Trivedi on Tuesday acquitted all the 22 accused, eight of whom died during the pendency of the case."

"The court acquitted all the accused in the case of rioting and murder of 17 members of a minority community, including two children, in Delol village of the district for want of evidence," He added.

Communal riots had broken out in different parts of the state a day after a train bogie of the Sabarmati Express was torched by a mob near Godhra

## 'Witness turned hostile, bodies never found'

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town in Panchmahal district on February 27, 2002, killing 59 passengers, most of them 'kar-sevaks' returning from Ayodhya.

An FIR was lodged under Indian Penal Code sections pertaining to murder and rioting after the violence in Delol village. Another police inspector lodged a case afresh nearly two years after the incident and arrested 22 people for their alleged involvement in the riots.

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## SC/ST ACT

# One-year jail and bail for UP Minister

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AN MP/MLA court in Prayagraj, on Wednesday, awarded a jail term of one year to UP Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi in connection with a 9-year-old case lodged against him under certain sections of IPC and SC/ST Act in 2014. The minister, then a member of Congress party, was accused of attacking rival party workers in 2014 election rally.

Special Judge of MP/MLA court, Dr Dinesh Chandra Shukla, also imposed a penalty of ₹10,000 on Nandi, who is holding the portfolio of UP Cabinet Minister for Industrial Development in the present dispensation. As per the court order, on failing to pay the penalty, the jail term would be extended with 10 days.

However, the minister was granted bail in the case by the same court. The case was lodged against Nandi at Muthiganj police station in Prayagraj under Sections 147 (Rioting) and 323 (voluntarily causes hurt) of IPC. The MP/MLA court delivered the order for one year with a penalty of ₹5,000 and under Section 323 for six months.

# Nitish Kumar refutes claims by Kushwaha over party getting weak

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE verbal duel between two JD(U) senior leaders — Nitish Kumar and Uppendra Kushwaha — reached its crescendo on Wednesday with Kushwaha hitting back again at the former saying that 'how can I give up without getting my due share in the party that I have been nurturing'. Turning to his twitter account after Nitish asked Kushwaha to leave the party as early as he can, JD(U) parliamentary board chairman said, "Alright my elder brother. If young brothers will behave like, then all elder brothers will usurp whole of ancestral property alone. How can I leave (the party) like this?"

Kushwaha's tweet came a couple of hours after chief minister Nitish Kumar said that he (Kushwaha) was free to go anywhere as per his wishes. "If he wants to join other party or alliance, he is free to do so," Nitish said in response to a query from the media on Wednesday.

He also refuted Kushwaha's claim that the party was getting weaker and many party leaders with were connected to



## He is free to join any party, says Bihar CM

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other parties, including BJP. Nitish categorically said that JD(U) has not become weak rather it got stronger recently.

"Our party has not become weak. These are false allegations, let people say whatever they want. No one from our party is in contact with any other party I have not stopped anyone, leaders can come and go according to their own wishes," Nitish remarked.

## PUNJAB

# NIA arrests shooter linked to RPG attack

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE main shooter of the rocket propelled RPG attack on the Intelligence Headquarters of Punjab Police in Mohali in May last year Deepak Ranga has been arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

Deepak hailing from Surakpur village in Jhajjar district of Haryana is a close associate of Canada-based gangster-turned-terrorist Lakhbir Singh Sandhu alias Landa and Pakistan-based gangster-turned-terrorist Harvinder Singh Sandhu alias Rinda was absconding since the RPG attack.

A case was registered by the NIA on September 20 last year. It had also emerged that the terror-gangster-drug smuggler network was engaged in smuggling terrorist hardware, such as arms, ammunition explosives, and IEDs across borders through an inter-state network.

# Sukhu to open day boarding schools for poor in Himachal

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

HIMACHAL Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the government has decided to open Rajiv Gandhi Model Day-Boarding Schools in each assembly constituency in a phased manner for providing education to poor children. He added that job-oriented education was the need of the hour so the government has decided to introduce technical courses, such as robotics, block chain technology, cyber security, cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning in the curriculum of ITI, Polytechnic and Engineering Colleges.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion of 53rd Statehood Day celebration held at Hamirpur today Sukhu said, "It was on December 11, 2022 when the new government took over the reign of this hill state and from the very first day started to work for revamping the de-railed system." As per the Government's pledge for zero toler-



ance against corruption, strict measures were being adopted to eliminate social evil.

"Even the economic health of the state was in utter disarray because of the extravagant spending by the previous government that has led to legacy debt of around ₹75,000 crore," he said. Apart from this, the liability of paying the arrears of ₹4,430 crore to the employees, ₹5,226 crore of pensioners and ₹1,000 crore DA of both is on the present state government. Sukhu said that the government has set up Chief Minister's Sukh-Ashray Sahayata

## Job-oriented education for children

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Kosh with an outlay of ₹101 crore for providing higher education to beneficiaries of the Kosh for Vocational training in engineering colleges, IIIT, NIT, IIM, IIT, polytechnic institutes, nursing and degree colleges.

The state government gave an annual allowance of ₹10,000 per person per year would be given to people living in old age homes and shelter homes, besides ₹500 as festival allowance so that they could also celebrate the festivals, like others, he said. Government intends to boost tourism sector to provide employment opportunities.

# Fisherman killed in Sunderbans mangrove overpopulated by tigers

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

A fisherman on Tuesday was mauled to death by a Royal Bengal Tiger in Sunderbans, the mangrove region which is said to be saturated with big cats. The deceased was attacked on the first day he ventured into the core area of the delta region.

Though his accomplices managed to rescue him with the help of sticks, he was declared dead. "Basudeb Baidya (35) left his Kulturali residence on Saturday along with two others. They anchored their mechanised boat on the banks of a creek and Baidya was preparing fishing net. There were mangrove bushes on the banks, near the boat. The animal pounced on Baidya and dragged him towards the banks," said an officer of forest department.

Baidya's two other associates, who were on the other side of the boat, heard screams and armed with bamboo sticks, started beating the tiger. The

### BIG CATS IN SUNDERBANS

There are 3 to 5 tigers per 100 sq km and the density can be more in multiple blocks

- In the 2014 national census, 76 tigers were traced in the zone
- The national tiger census of 2018 had pegged the number at 88
- 2020-2021 census conducted by the state forest department had found 96 tigers in the mangrove delta

animal disappeared in the mangrove bushes. The two fishermen rescued Baidya and arrived the healthcare centre where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to forest department sources human-wild conflict increased in the delta region. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) told the state forest department that in the hostile terrain, the carrying capacity is three to five tigers per 100sq km and in multiple blocks the density is more, resulting in wild-human conflict.

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sults of the national tiger census of 2018 had pegged the number of big cats in the Sunderbans at 88. The 2020-2021 census conducted by the state forest department had found 96 tigers in the mangrove delta.

At least eight tigers have strayed near the villages in Sunderbans since December last year and all were captured and released into the wild. The WII has advised the state forest department to release tigers captured after they stray near less dense villages.





# Nine out of 10 traders incur loss in equity F&O

Handful of traders made money, 1% cornered 51% of profits in FY22

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

INVESTORS looking to make quick money from stock market without proper knowledge have burnt their fingers by losing their hard-earned money.

Nine out of 10 individual traders in equity Futures and Options (F&O) segment incurred losses in financial year 2022, showed a study conducted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). Only a handful people made money as the top 1% of traders cornered 51% of the total profits during the financial year 2022.

"89% of the individual traders in equity F&O segment incurred losses, with an average loss of ₹1.1 lakh during FY22, whereas 90% of the active traders incurred average losses of ₹1.25 lakh during the same period," said the study titled 'Analysis of Profit and Loss of Individual Traders dealing in Equity F&O Segment'. "During FY22, 11% of individual traders in equity F&O segment made profit with an average profit of ₹1.5 lakh," it added.

The top 5% active profit makers accounted for nearly 75% of the total net profit earned by active profit makers. The number of individual traders in the equity F&O segment

## LOST CAUSE

Number of individual traders in equity F&O segment up by over 500% between FY19 and FY22

There were 7.1 lakh traders during FY19 which increased to 45.2 lakh during FY22

5%

Top profit makers accounted for nearly 75% of total net profit

₹1.1 lakh

Average loss for 89% individual traders in F&O segment in FY22



₹1.5 lakh

Average profit for 11% individual traders in F&O segment in FY22

51%

Profit cornered by top 1% active traders in FY22

surged over 500% between FY19 and FY22. There were 7.1 lakh traders during FY19, which increased to 45.2 lakh during FY22. "For the group of active traders, on average, loss makers registered net trading loss close to ₹50,000 in FY22," said the study. "During FY22, 89% of the individuals who traded in index options, 82% who traded in stock options incurred average loss of ₹0.77 lakh and ₹0.66 lakh, respectively," it added.

The percentage of loss makers were 74% and 67% for index futures and stock futures with an average loss of ₹0.96 lakh

and ₹2.1 lakh, respectively.

Findings are based on data collected from top 10 brokers accounting for nearly 67% of overall individual client turnover in equity F&O segment during FY22, where the brokers were identified on the basis of largest percentage share of individual investors' turnover in equity F&O segment. Active traders are individual traders who traded in equity F&O segment over five times during a year. Individual investors include HUFs and NRIs and exclude proprietary traders, institutions and partnerships firms.

# Google makes changes in Android, Play Store rules

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

YIELDING to Competition Commission of India (CCI) directives, technology company Google on Thursday announced several changes to its Android and Play Store rules.

As per the new policies, OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) will be able to license individual Google apps for pre-installation on their devices. Indian users will now have the option to choose their default search engine. App and games developers can now offer

users the option to choose an alternative billing system alongside Google Play's billing system when purchasing in-app digital content.

The company said it is updating the Android compatibility requirements to introduce changes for partners to build non-compatible or forked variants.

"We are making some changes as required by the CCI's directives. Implementation of these changes across the ecosystem will be a complex process and will require significant work at our end and, in many cases, significant efforts from partners, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and developers," said Google in a statement.

The CCI had directed Google through its order on October 20 and 25, 2022, to make these necessary changes. OEMs and app developers had moved CII against Google alleging that the US firm favours its own apps and pay-

ment systems on mobile phones which uses Android operating system. The company said it will comply with local laws and regulations in India seriously. But at the same time, it will continue to appeal certain aspects of the CCI's decisions.

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# PhonePe investors paid ₹8K cr tax to shift base

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

PHONEPE investors have paid ₹8,000 crore in tax to shift its domicile from Singapore to India.

During a live session on YouTube, the fintech company's co-founder and CEO Sameer Nigam said, "If you want to move to India as a domicile, you have to do a fresh market valuation and pay tax on the delta." He said, "If you want to move from any other market to India as a domicile it is treated like a capital gains event for existing investors."

Already 20 odd unicorns have reached out to us asking how do we get this changed... the engagement is happening with highest levels in government as well to make it easier for businesses to come back, he said, stressing on the need for more progressive laws that allow start-ups to move back to India. Apart from taxes, another chal-

lenge that the company faced was to convince several thousand employees that their ESOPs (employee stock option plan) are back to zero vesting at a one-year cliff, because law in India says if you migrate, you have to start with a new one-year cliff. "It's very hard for start-ups to convince employees that their ESOP vesting status reverts back to zero," he said.

Following its separation from Flipkart, the company raised \$350 million recently at a \$12 billion valuation. PhonePe moved all businesses and subsidiaries of PhonePe Singapore to PhonePe Pvt Ltd - India directly. Talking about the recent fund raising, Nigam said, "General Atlantic is a really good blue chip global investor that has a long view on companies, which gives us the flexibility to be able to actually do at-scale investments in new sectors like insurance, lending, broking or ONDC."

# Kumar Birla, Jhunjhunwala, Sudha Murthy, Areez Khambatta among Padma awardees

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDUSTRIALIST Kumar Mangalam Birla and stock investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala were among a few names from the world of trade and business to have been conferred on Padma Awards, the country's highest civilian honour.

Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, has been conferred on Padma Bhushan. He, along with Sudha Murthy, Chairperson of Infosys Foundation and wife of Infosys founder Narayan Murthy, are one of the nine



who were conferred on Padma Bhushan. Sudha Murthy has been given the award for her contribution in social works.

Jhunjhunwala, who has been conferred on Padma Shri award posthumously, is known by sobriquets like Big Bull and



India's Warren Buffett. Areez Khambatta, founding Chairman of popular drink Rasna, has been conferred on Padma Shri posthumously. Started by his father Phiroja Khambatta decades ago, Areez had made Rasna a household name.

# Markets fall over 1% on F&O expiry

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC stock market fell sharply on Wednesday on monthly derivative expiry day, as foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continue to cut their exposure in local equities.

The fall is also attributed to volatility and nervousness ahead of the Union Budget and US Federal Reserve's February meeting that would decide the future course of rate hikes. Underwhelming quarterly earnings by India Inc has also dented investors' sentiment.

BSE Sensex fell 774 points or 1.27% to 60,205 while the NSE

Nifty50 shed 226 points or 1.25% to close below the 18,000 level at 17,891.95. The banking sector stocks bore the maximum brunt as Bank Nifty index fell 1,085 points, or 2.54%.

Among Sensex stocks, SBI fell the most by 4.3%. IndusInd Bank tanked by 4.26%, HDFC Bank by 2.78% and Axis Bank by 2.02%. HDFC, Tech Mahindra, ICICI Bank, Ultratech Cement, L&T, Bajaj Finserv, Reliance, HCL Tech, Asian Paints, Wipro and M&M were among the major losers. HUL, Maruti, Tata Steel, NTPC and Sun Pharma were among the handful stocks which posted gain on Wednesday.



Stocks of Adani group companies fell between 2% and 6% after short-seller Hindenburg Research accused the group of stock manipulation and said it holds short positions in those firms through US-traded bonds

and non-Indian-traded derivative instruments.

"Two major events of 1 February -- the Union Budget and the Fed decision on interest rate -- have the potential to break this range. A good budget and positive commentary from the Fed can break the upper band. On the contrary, any negative budget proposal like raising the rate of Long Term Capital Gains Tax or a worse-than-expected hawkish Fed can break the lower end of the range. Let's wait for the actual outcome," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

## EXPRESS READ

### RCap promoter group reclassified as public

MUMBAI: Reliance Capital on Wednesday said existing 'promoter/persons belonging to Promoter Group' has been reclassified as 'Public' category. The firm is under resolution process under Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code. PTI

### AI offers 98 cr shares to staff under stock option

NEW DELHI: Air India has offered around 98 crore shares of the company to its permanent employees as part of a stock option scheme. An airline official said about 8,000 employees will benefit from the scheme. PTI

# Adani Enterprises FPO garners ₹6,000 crore from anchor investors

SACHIN KUMAR @ New Delhi

ADANI ENTERPRISES has raised ₹5,985 crore from 33 institutional investors by allotting 1.83 crore shares under anchor portion of its ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offer (FPO).

The anchor portion of the share sale, India's largest FPO, was allocated to high profile investors at ₹3,276 a share.

Major foreign institutional investors such as Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), Maybank Asia, Goldman Sachs, Nomura, Societe Generale, Jupiter, BNP Paribas, Al Mehar, Citi Group, Morgan Stanley picked up stake. Top domestic investors such as SBI Employee Pension Fund, HDFC Life, Life Insurance Corporation of India, SBI Life and other salient names like MK Ventures were also a part of the anchor book. "Such a healthy and diversified anchor book shows the overall investor confidence in the strong business fundamentals of the company," said a senior official of Adani Enterprises.

Maybank was allocated 34.09% of the 1.83 crore shares reserved for institutional investors for ₹204 crore, while ADIA

got 2.56% worth 153 crore. Goldman Sachs Investment 4,45,664 shares worth nearly ₹145.9 crore, according to a circular uploaded on the BSE website.

Local insurance behemoth Life Insurance Corp of India was allocated 5% or 9,15,748 shares worth nearly ₹300 crore, SBI Life Insurance got allotment for ₹125 crore worth of shares and SBI Employees Pension Fund another ₹100 crore.

The mega offer, in which 35% of the shares are reserved for retail investors, will open for subscription on January 27. Adani Enterprises, flagship firm of Adani Group, has set a price band of ₹3,112 to ₹3,276 for share sale, in which retail investors will get a ₹64 discount per FPO equity share.

It will use proceeds from the FPO to repay debts and to meet its capital expenditure requirements. Out of ₹20,000 crore proceeds from FPO, ₹10,869 crore will be used for green hydrogen projects, work at the existing airports and construction of a greenfield expressway. An amount of ₹4,165 crore will be utilised for repayment of debt taken by its airports, road and solar project subsidiaries.

## CORPORATE

# Hindenburg report malicious misinformation: Adani Group

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani promoted Adani Group on Wednesday said they are shocked that Hindenburg Research published its report without making any attempt to contact them or verify the factual matrix.

Jugeshinder Singh, CFO, Adani Group, said the report is a malicious combination of selective misinformation and stale, baseless and discredited allegations that have been tested and rejected by India's highest courts. He added that the timing of the report's publication clearly betrays a brazen, mala fide intention to undermine Group's reputation with the principal objective of damaging the upcoming follow-on public offer (FPO) from Adani Enterprises, biggest FPO ever in India. "The investor community has always reposed faith in Adani Group on the basis of detailed analysis and reports prepared by financial experts and leading national and international credit rating agencies."

# Tata Motors bounces back, posts net profit of ₹2,958 cr for third quarter

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HOMEGROWN auto major Tata Motors has bounced back to profitability after reporting consecutive quarterly losses for two years.

The carmaker, which also owns Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), on Wednesday, reported a consolidated net profit of ₹2,958 crore for the quarter ending December 31, 2022 (Q3FY23), as against consolidated net loss of ₹1,516 crore in the year-ago quarter.

"We remain cautiously optimistic on the demand situation despite global uncertainties. We will remain vigilant on demand and our continued focus on profitable growth, improving semiconductor supplies and stable commodity prices will aid revenue growth, margin improvement and positive cash delivery in Q4FY23," said Tata Motors in a regulatory filing.

## KEY NUMBERS

₹2,958 cr

Net profit Q3FY23

₹1,516 cr

Net loss Q3FY22

₹60,000 cr

JLR revenue

28% YoY

Increase



₹88,488.59 cr

Revenue from operations Q3FY23

₹72,229.29 cr

Revenue from operations Q3FY22

Its revenue from operations rose 22.5% at ₹88,489 crore from ₹72,230 crore in Q3FY22. The company's profit margin rose 90 bps year-on-year to 11.1% during December quarter.

The biggest highlight for Tata Motors was improvement in JLR business as a shortage of semiconductors had severely dented its and parent firm's

growth prospects.

JLR delivered on its plans and achieved positive free cash flow and profitability in the quarter as supplies improved. Revenues were ₹6 billion (₹60,000 crore), up 28% as against Q3FY22 and up 15% sequentially, reflecting better supplies, strong model mix and pricing.

# 5-7 countries may adopt UPI, Aadhaar tech: Chandrasekhar

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FIVE to seven countries are likely to sign up for adopting India-developed technology platforms such as UPI and Aadhaar by March for accelerating digitisation.

While speaking at India Stack Developer Conference, Minister of state for electronics and information technology (MeitY) Rajeev Chandrasekhar said India will help those countries that can't afford technology. "India will offer stack to these countries and support implementation of India's stack to them," he said.

The first-ever India Stack Developer Conference is being organised in New Delhi with an aim to widen adoption of India Stack within the country and broaden its dissemination across the world.

The minister said the objec-

tive of the conference is to increase access and adoption of India Stack for countries that are keen to adopt and integrate it as per their requirements and to create a robust ecosystem of start-ups, developers and system integrators working around it on next-generation innovation.

"Our mission is to offer India Stack or part of the stack to those enterprises and countries across the world who want to innovate and further integrate, execute, and implement digital transformation," he added.

He further added that the country wants to signal to the world that its stack is not static, it will become more nuanced, intelligent and sophisticated, and will keep evolving with time.

"Using datasets and AI will be part of the innovation journey of India Stack," said the minister.

## Q3 FY23 RESULTS

# Indian Bank net profit rises 102%, NII jumps 25% in third quarter

CHENNAI: Indian Bank reported a net profit of ₹1,396 crore, up 102% year-on-year (YoY), for the quarter ending December (Q3FY23) compared to ₹690 crore in the same period last year.

Operating profit for the quarter increased 24% YoY while net interest income (NII) rose 25% YoY to ₹5,499 crore. Growth in net profit is due to increase in total business including net interest income, fee-based income, forex income as well as decrease in gross non-performing assets (GNPA) and (NNPA), Shanti Lal Jain, managing director



and chief executive officer of the bank told media on Wednesday. Both GNPA and NNPA are coming down consistently and the provisional coverage ratio is increasing, resulting in better profits, he added. ENS

# Olectra reports ₹248.6 cr revenue

NEW DELHI: Olectra Greentech Limited, an electric mobility company, has recorded an unaudited standalone revenue of ₹248.6 crore for the quarter ending December 2022, as against ₹207.1 crore for the corresponding quarter ended in December 2021.

The revenue for the nine months period ended in December 2022 was ₹766.0 crore as against the previous nine months period ended in Dec 2021 of ₹317.3 Crore, an increase of 141%.

Revenue growth of 20% in Q3FY23 is mainly due to supply of 142 electric buses during the current quarter. ENS













RAIL COACH FACTORY

KAPURTHALA

On-line tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

| Sr. No. | Tender No. & Due Date | Description                                                                                                                              | Qty./Nos./Sets | EMD (₹)    |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1.      | 01231006 13.02.2023   | Set of Axle End Cover                                                                                                                    | 1410 Set       | 1,35,070/- |
| 2.      | 14221196A 13.02.2023  | Epoxy Thinner                                                                                                                            | 22381 Ltr.     | 60,210/-   |
| 3.      | 14221067B 13.02.2023  | Resin Bonded Fibre Glasswool                                                                                                             | 386 Set        | 2,10,890/- |
| 4.      | 13225014D 14.02.2023  | Ferrule crimping machine as per Mech/M&P/3600/GM/05/ Rev.01 (PL No. N6415169)                                                            | 02 Nos.        | NIL        |
| 5.      | 13225844 22.02.2023   | FTIR Spectrometer as per spec no. QMTS-017 Rev.- Nil (Warranty Period : 60 Months after the date of delivery) (Item Code : 659008480019) | 01 Nos.        | 96,640/-   |
| 6.      | 01231008 06.03.2023   | Rubber spring Centering                                                                                                                  | 2076 Nos.      | 0.00       |
| 7.      | 01231003 30.03.2023   | Supply of Control Equipment for Air Suspension System. For 3 Phase MEMU DMC & TC Coaches                                                 | 98 Set         | 1,24,660/- |
| 8.      | 02221405 17.02.2023   | Harness for EOG AC first Class Coach with Flat Roof                                                                                      | 41 Set         | 7,16,020/- |

(1) For details and making On-line tenders, visit website: <http://ireps.gov.in> Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website: <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>

(2) Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 2 to 5 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Sr. No. 1 & 6 to 8 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi (3) For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897.

**NOTE:** GST Number of RCF is 03AAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

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CORRIGENDUM

(1) Tender No. 02221418 due on 08.02.2023 for Roof Mounted AC Package (RMPU) Quantity may be read as 670 Sets instead of 943 Sets (2) Tender No. 05221589 for Set of Side Wall complete and Roof Complete due date may be read as 27.01.2023 instead of 20.01.2023 (3) Tender No. 02221409 for Infotainment system for LHB AC Chair Car Cum Parcel Van (Double Decker) Coaches due date may be read as 03.02.2023 instead of 20.01.2023 & RDSO SPEC No. may be read as RDSO/CG-18001 REV. - 02 instead of RDSO/CG-18001 REV. -01 (4) Tender No. 05221468 for Set of Carline (3 types) due date may be read as 31.01.2023 instead of 20.01.2023 & EMD may be read as 1812860 instead of 1788880 (5) Tender No. 02221001B for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of GPS location based public address and passenger information system and LED Destination Board in AC and Non AC LHB Coaches due date may be read as 03.02.2023 instead of 23.01.2023.

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Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd & 4th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009, Tel. No. 080-22273511, 22100077

Notification No. KHB/C.E/TPAEF/252/2022-23

Date : 25.01.2023

Short Term- Through e-Procurement

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tenders through e-procurement for appointment of Town Planning, Architectural Engineering Firm (TPAEF) for the work of Composite Housing Scheme at Kadujakkana Halli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District at Suryanagar 4th Phase an extent of 191 Acres 33 Guntas.

**Last date for submission of bid is on 04.02.2023 upto 4.00 PM.**

For further information contact above mentioned office address & following website. <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Karnataka Housing Board,  
Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4339/SHIRDI SAI/2022-23

IN THE COURT OF THE 1ST ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALORE  
P & SC NO. 3 / 2023  
BETWEEN: 1) Smt. Shreeshah W/o Late Madhusudan Holi, Aged about 42 years, 2) Dikshan M. Holi, S/o Late Madhusudan Holi, Aged about 16 years, 3) Khushi M. Holi, D/o Late Madhusudan Holi, Aged about 12 years, Petitioners No.2 and 3 are minors, Regt. By Petitioner No.1  
Both are R/W Near SLN Theater, Hesaraghatta Village & Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560 088 : PETITIONERS  
AND : NIL : RESPONDENT

SUMMON TO PUBLIC  
SCHEDULE  
Whereas, Smt. Shreeshah W/o Late Madhusudan Holi M.L. Aged about 42 years, R/W Near SLN Theater, Hesaraghatta Village & Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 088, had filed petition under section 372 for grant of Succession Certificate for the movable properties which is in the name of Late Madhusudan Holi M.L.,  
Whereas day as been fixed for hearing of the case. Notice is hereby given that any person having any interest in the Administration of the estate of the said deceased may, if he desires to appear or file any objections before this Hon'ble Court, on the day of 15/02/2023 at 11:00 PM to answer the same failing which Petition will be disposed off as no objection for issue of probate.  
Given under hand and seal of the court, this 24th day of Jan 2023  
By Order of the Court  
Advocate for Petitioner : SNR AND ASSOCIATES, No. 40, Nandan Nivas, Raghavendra Badavane, Near Raghavendra Mutt, Chikabalanavara, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore - 560 090.

DEUTSCHE BANK AG

Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Deutsche Bank AG, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) under rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 23/09/2022 calling upon the borrower Mr. Karunakara. B P and Mrs. Rohini Malavalli Puttaiah ("Borrower") to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being Rs. 46,02,059.80 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Two Thousand Fifty Nine and Eighty Paise Only), within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this 24th day of January of the year 2023.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of Rs. 46,02,059.80 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Two Thousand Fifty Nine and Eighty Paise Only) and interest thereon.

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
Schedule (As per Absolute Sale Deed dated 12-09-2012)  
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP No. 14, Katha No. 657/54/2/14, PID No. 010-W0107-31, situated at Doddabommasandra, Vidyanarayana, Bangalore, formerly Site No. 14, Katha Assessment No. 54/2, situated at Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Ramachandrapura Panchayat, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No. 10-Vidyanarayana, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by: Road, West by: Munirangaiah's Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Vendor's Property.**  
Measuring East to West : 62 feet, North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring 2480 Square Feet of site, together RCC roofed, Red oxide flooring house measuring 1440 Square Feet having all civic amenities

Date: 26.01.2023  
Place: Bengaluru

Dhaneshwar Koganur - Authorized Officer  
Deutsche Bank A.G.

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Joint Commissioner of

Commercial Taxes (admn), DGSTO, Mysuru

No.JCCT(Admn):DGSTO:CTI.2/E-tender/CR.03/22-23

Dated: 24.01.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender notification inviting for procuring 92 No.s. of Data Entry Operator's to The Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (ADMN), DGSTO, Mysuru and its subordinate offices. Hereby the department allows the eligible institutions to take the necessary informations required through the departmental official website <http://ctax.kar.nic.in> and Government website <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

**Last date for submission of tender application: 22.02.2023.**

Sd/-Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Admn),  
DGSTO, Mysuru.



SVC CO-Operative Bank Ltd.

Corporate Office : Legal & Recovery Dept.  
SVC Tower, Nehru Road, Vakola, Santacruz (E), Mumbai-400055.

Having its Regional Office: No.1, Central Bank Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore - 560 018. Ph: 080 71231027/28/29 & 32

Branch at: Peenya Branch: Ground Floor, KSSIDC Multi story Building, 5th Cross, Stage-1, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560 058

Notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 as amended by The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amdt.) Act, 2016 (44 of 2016) and further amended by The Security Interest(Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

Authorised Officer of the Bank under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 issued Demand Notice as detailed below to its defaulting Borrower which have returned unserved. Therefore, contents of the said respective notices are being published in this newspaper. TAKE NOTICE that you had availed sizable credit facilities against the Secured assets mentioned in the table herein below :-

**Branch : Peenya Branch**  
**Name of the Borrower:** (1) Mrs. Namratha. N. (2) Mr. Pavan Kumar Naik  
**Both are residing at:** No.113, 5th Cross, VHBGS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040. **Also at:** No.10 (old No.105), Peenya Industrial Area, 4th Cross, Peenya village, Bangalore-560 058. **Also at:** No.850, Near SRS Old water Tank, Peenya 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 058. **Also at:** Devisheer enterprises, No.848, Laggere Road, Peenya 1st Stage, Behind 4th Cross, East End, Bangalore-560 058. **Also at:** No.265, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, BSK 6th stage, Purnapragna Layout, Bangalore-560 061. (3) Mr. Krishnappa Sathyanarayana, No.4, Sumuka, Behind Govt. Hospital, Abbigeri, Chikabalanavara, Bangalore-560 090.

**Account No: TLBI/1297**  
**Limit Sanctioned : Rs.47,90,000/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) repayable in 180 EMI which is at present Rs.63,238/- inclusive of interest at Present 12.90% p.a with monthly rests (Floating Rate)  
**Date of Demand Notice : 06.01.2023** **Date of N.P.A. : 29.12.2022**  
**Notice Amount: Rs.48,29,477/-** (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 31-12-2022 together with interest from 01.01.2023

Details of Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal No. New 10, PID No. 11-99-10, (Old Khatha No. 850, Old Khatha No.848, Old Khathesumari Khatha No.105), Situated at 4th Cross Road, PEENYA Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently under Ward No.11, Peenya Industrial Area, (BBMP Ward No. 38-H.M.T. Ward as per Tax Paid Receipt) measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet along with building constructed/ to be constructed thereon and bounded on the: East By: Sri Ramamurthy's Property (earlier C Schedule Property owned by P.G.S. Murthy) West by: 25 feet Road, North by: 25 feet Road, and South by: Peenya Industrial Estate.

Your aforesaid account has become Non Performing Asset as mentioned in the above table. By virtue of the documents duly executed by you all, the mortgage charge has been created in favour of the Bank on the aforesaid immovable property.

The Bank hereby informs you all that under Sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Hereinafter referred to as the Act) shall, after receipt of this notice refrain from either transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise create third party interest (other than in the ordinary course of business) in the above mentioned Secured asset, without prior written consent of the Bank.

In view of the above the Bank hereby issues this notice under Sub-section (2) of the Section 13 of the Act and calls upon you all to pay, an amount mentioned in the table hereinabove, within 60 days of receipt of this notice, failing which the Bank shall be constrained to attach, sell and/or take all actions as envisaged in Sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act and/or adopt any other legal proceeding against all you before the competent Court/Authority including before the Debt Recovery Tribunal which please note.

Date : 25.01.2023  
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer  
SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.



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Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, Chennamanakere, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru.

No: EE/BG/e-Proc/19/2022-23

Date: 25-01-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Works detailed below.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work                                                                                                                             | Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs) | EMD Amount (in Rs.) |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1       | Improvements to Roads and Drains at Bhovi Colony and Surrounding Area in Basavanagudi Ward No. 210 (Call-2)                                  | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 2       | Providing Street Name Board, Sticking to Existing Name Boards, Engaging Gangmens and Depot. Collection in Basavanagudi Ward No. 210 (Call-2) | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 3       | Improvements & Repairs to Roads at Lakshimpura and Surrounding Areas in Hanumanthanagara Ward No. 211 (Call-2)                               | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 4       | Maintenance of CC Roads and Providing New Street Name Boards & Sticking to Existing Name Board in Srinivasanagara Ward No. 212 (Call-2)      | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 5       | Construction & Reconstruction of Culverts, Engaging Gangmens & Depot. Collection in Srinivasa Nagara Ward No. 212 (Call-2)                   | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 6       | Improvements and Repairs to Balance length of Drain in Srinagara Ward No. 213 (Call-2)                                                       | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 7       | Improvements & Construction of New Culverts in Srinagara Ward No. 213 (Call-2)                                                               | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 8       | Maintenance of CC Roads and Providing New Street Name Boards & Sticking to Existing Name Board in Girinagar Ward No.214 (Call-2)             | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 9       | Maintenance of CC Roads and Providing New Street Name Boards & Sticking to Existing Name Board in Kathriguppe Ward No.215 (Call-2)           | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 10      | Maintenance of Road & Drains in Kathriguppe Ward No. 215 (Call-2)                                                                            | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 11      | Maintenance of Road & Drains in Vidyapeeta Ward No. 216 (Call-2)                                                                             | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |
| 12      | Construction & Reconstruction of Culverts, Engaging Gangmens & Depot. Collection in Vidyapeeta Ward No. 216 (Call-2)                         | 51.00                               | 102000.00           |

**Calendar of Events:** 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 30-01-2023. 2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 01-02-2023 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer - South, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560011. 3) Last Date & Time for Uploading of Tender Documents: 17-02-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4) Technical Bids will be Opened on 20-02-2023 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BBMP.

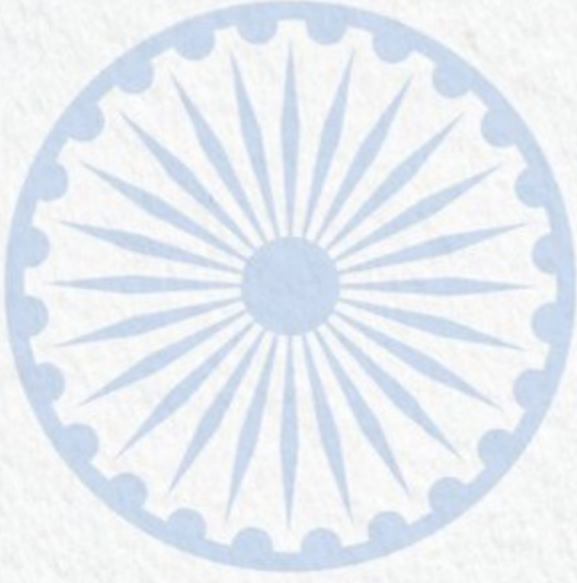


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- Narendra Modi

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Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav was named the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year for his good run in the shortest format of the game. Surya had a stellar 2022, breaking an array of records and setting a benchmark in the format. However, India vice-captain and last year's Cricketer of the Year Smriti Mandhana lost out to Australia's Tahlia McGrath in the women's category.

# Women's cricket joins golden league

BCCI fetches ₹4669.99 cr for 5 teams, which will be based out of Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru & Lucknow

GOMESH S @Chennai

WOMEN'S Premier League. It is a reality. After years of anticipation and expectation, especially since the 2017 Women's World Cup, the BCCI's women's franchise-based T20 tournament is finally here. And it will be called the Women's Premier League (WPL), BCCI secretary Jay Shah announced on Wednesday.

And it did not come cheap either. It was beyond expectations as the Indian cricket board fetched a massive ₹4669.99 crore for the five franchises of the tournament. The five teams will be based out of Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, and Lucknow in the inaugural edition of the WPL, which is set to be held in March before

the 16th edition of the men's Indian Premier League.

Among the existing franchises, Mumbai Indians (₹912.99 crore), Delhi Capitals (₹810 crore) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (₹901 crore) managed to hold on to their respective cities. Having missed the opportunity to win a men's franchise last year, the Adani Group put up the highest bid of ₹1289 crore to secure the Ahmedabad-based team, while Capri Global bought the Lucknow team for ₹757 crore.

While Chennai Super Kings and the newest two franchises did not place a bid, Kolkata Knight Riders had apparently bid ₹666 crore and Rajasthan Royals placed ₹180 crore. Many,

including those in the fraternity, were not expecting such high valuations from the teams. The difference in bids from some of the franchises tells the story.

Make no mistake, this is truly a historic day for women's cricket as a market product. The highest bid in this closed auction is over ₹842 crore more than that of the inaugural edition of the IPL back in 2008 when Mumbai Indians paid ₹447.6 crore to win the franchise they own now.

Any doubts on the salability of the league even the BCCI might have had was shattered when the media rights for the first five years of the tournament went for ₹951 crore. And now, before even the players are picked and the teams were

formed, the richest cricketing body has just become ₹5,650.99 crore richer.

"This marks the beginning of a revolution in women's cricket and paves the way for a transformative journey ahead not only for our women cricketers but for the entire sports fraternity. The WPL will bring necessary reforms in women's cricket and would ensure an all-encompassing ecosystem that benefits each and every stakeholder," Shah said in a tweet.

While the teams are expected to pay the franchise fee and take a few years before breaking even, they will be making ₹25 crore per year from the media rights deal as they have entered into an 80:20 revenue sharing agreement with the Indian board for the first five years. Al-

though it is a five-team 20-match tournament this year, the league is likely to expand with more teams and matches after the first three years. And the beast that has been sleeping is only going to get bigger.

The Indian cricket board might have taken their time to get the women's version of the league going, but a lot of good things have happened since the start of this year: Media rights. Check. Franchise announcement. Check. Next stop is the player auction which is expected to happen in the first week of February. And the event begins in the first week of March. Fasten your seat belts. Mark your calendars, brace yourself to get ready for a rollercoaster ride, for the WPL is here. And by the looks of it, it is here to stay.

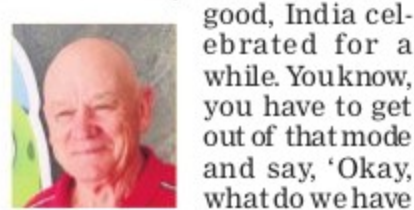
## INTERVIEW

### INDIA HAD CHANCES, UNABLE TO FINISH: RIC

FROM his unique vantage point, Ric Charlesworth is ideally placed to talk about the Indian men's hockey team. The Australian, who's doing commentary for the host broadcaster at the World Cup, spoke to *Swaroop Swaminathan* on the team following their exit. Excerpts:

#### ON INDIA'S CAMPAIGN

At the Olympics, I was delighted that India won the bronze medal but if you look at the bronze medal game, you know, they had a fair bit of luck. But I think over the last decade, we have seen them get better. You are not surprised they were on the podium, and I think they are very competitive now. India, I thought, the first couple of games here were pretty good against good opponents. But maybe then they start to believe the local publicity rather than go 'Okay, 'Wales are a tough team'. And, you know, they nearly had a stumble against Wales. I think New Zealand are always capable of that upset. And if India are not really on the battle that day, then that result can occur. It can occur to anybody, Australia nearly stumbled yesterday (Tuesday) against Spain. So yeah, what you need is constant vigilance. And I think after the result in Tokyo, which was so good, India celebrated for a while. You know, you have to get out of that mode and say, 'Okay, what do we have to improve and make better because... you have to improve. And I suspect that was, that's part of the long story. You look at the detail of the game (against NZ)... India had chances to win it, unable to finish. (It) maybe reflects, you know, anxiety, I think when it comes to the shootout, that was probably the case.



ON THE ANXIETY When you get there, people start thinking about the outcome rather than the process. (Coach) Graham Reid said it any number of times, but it has to be in your DNA. (Yes, it can be introduced in the DNA). Yeah. Just like, you know, many people have commented about the shootout. You had Akashdeep (Singh), Manpreet (Singh), Mandeep (Singh), Lalit (Upadhyay) didn't participate. For all sorts of reasons, I had the same problem in our team, sometimes the senior players don't want to do it. But they have the skill. And it's a skill, you have to learn it in practice.

#### ON THE WAY FORWARD

There are things that you would want to improve in the coaching structure. Perhaps, in the support staff. Like the fitness staff, who were with India for the Olympics. They aren't there anymore? Why is that? They weren't offered appropriate salaries, and they went somewhere else? They are working with other countries now, those sorts of things.

Full interview: newindianexpress.com

## Nice Dutch: Family members spread love

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Bhubaneswar

AS the video referral confirmed Netherlands' 2-0 lead over South Korea in the quarterfinals of the World Cup on Wednesday, one tiny section of the Kalinga stadium was dancing. Dressed from head to toe in Orange, you didn't need any prizes to know they were the parents and family members of the team. They added lots of colour to the occasion.

Off the pitch, around 20 of them who have taken leave from their respective jobs to be with the Dutch players for the duration of the World Cup are also spreading love. After finishing the Rourkela leg of the journey, they decided to go to a few Dalit villages near Puri and donated a meal.

The idea came about thanks to Kathleen, Terrance Pieters' mother, who works as a volunteer for Indian Light Foundation in The Netherlands. "I'm a volunteer of The Foundation back in the Netherlands," she says before the match against South Korea on Wednesday. "I help with communications, marketing and fund raising



The family members went to a few Dalit villages near Puri and donated a meal

and stuff. "When I told one of the board members that I am going to India, she was like 'if you are in Odisha, I will connect you to somebody who's in an NGO'. So, I met this lady, who's of Surinamese-Indian descent (Kathleen also has Surinamese roots). She's from the Quality For Life Foundation with volunteers in Puri. I met her in Amsterdam and we had a very nice chat. She told me that she's supporting Dalit villages in Odisha. I said 'while I'm there, I'm going to come and visit'. So, she called the staff member here, Basant. He was like 'why don't I organise a trip for you so you can come

and see the work we do'. I told a few (of the) parents (of the other players in the team) of this and they were like 'oh wow, can we join?'. This group got bigger and bigger and eventually we were 18 or 19 people. It was an amazing experience.

Listening to the stories of the people there moved them to such an extent Kathleen calls it 'life-changing'.

"It was such a life-changing experience because, you know, in The Netherlands, if you donate, you kind of rely on the fact the money will go somewhere. But being there, seeing the people, how they live, how they struggle, it's impactful.

All the family members were like 'where can we donate because we want to make a contribution.' "My foundation, they said if you are here representing us, let's do something. They offered a meal so we had Quality For Life Foundation hire cooks for the village and they cooked on the spot, so when we arrived there, the food was already there. We helped hand it out and we also interacted with the people."

Alette, Jip Janssen's mother, one of the 20 or so family members who accompanied Kathleen on the trip, picks up the story. "Kathleen works in Holland for the Foundation. Her colleague's husband runs the foundation here. So that's really very interesting. We donated a meal. They blessed us, had a dance for us, we spoke to the kids. We took a bus with 20 parents. It is very close to Puri."

While the family members put a smile on the faces of several locals, their sons ensured they went back to the hotel rooms with happiness on Wednesday. A comfortable 5-1 win meant they will be back on Friday, facing Belgium for a place in Sunday's final.



### EDGE OF THE SEAT THRILLER



Trailing 0-2, Germany struck in the 58th and 59th minutes to take their quarterfinal match to a penalty shootout where they prevailed over a heart-broken England team 4-3, snatching win from the jaws of defeat on Wednesday | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

### THREE CHEERS

## TN trio hits half-centuries to help team post 324

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

HALF-CENTURIES by B Indrajith (66), Vijay Shankar (53) and Shahrulkh Khan (50) enabled Tamil Nadu to post 324 in 142.4 overs against Saurashtra on the second day of the Ranji Trophy match played at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here on Wednesday. In reply, Saurashtra were 92/3 at stumps.

Indrajith and Vijay used their feet well and played a watchful game, keeping in mind the nature of the surface. Saurashtra captain Ravindra Jadeja employed his medium pacers and spinners in batches to test the patience of both Indrajith and Vijay.

Jadeja chose to bowl after an hour or so in the morning. He was trying to get his rhythm and the drift to test the patience

of the TN batters. During one such moment, Indrajith was induced to play a false stroke and the edge was caught by Prerak Mankad in the slips with Jadeja bagging his first and only wicket of the innings.

Jadeja bowled seven overs on the day, giving away 12 runs and taking Indrajith's wicket. Vijay, who notched up his fourth consecutive score of 50-plus in the tournament, felt that Jadeja bowled well.

Tamil Nadu chief coach, M Venkataramana, who was the bowling coach at the National Cricket Academy of the BCCI, was also impressed by Jadeja's effort. "Jadeja is slowly trying to get back his rhythm. Once you come after a big lay off due to injury and later rehab, one cannot bowl straight away flat out. Jadeja looked compact and



Vijay Shankar (L) in action against Saurashtra on Wednesday | EXPRESS

was correctly pitching on areas that could produce a wicket. The more he bowls, he will get better," he said.

Tamil Nadu's hard-hitting batter Shahrulkh, who got out for a blob in the previous game, made sure that he did well this

time with a 70-ball 50.

"All the batters Indrajith, Vijay and Shahrulkh played well. Shahrulkh's innings was a good effort for he could forget what happened in the last game, play positively and score some runs. This is what is required of a youngster. Keeping in mind the surface, happy with the score," said Venkataramana.

Stand-in skipper of Tamil Nadu, Pradosh Ranjan Paul, was pleased with the way his bowlers bowled. He is keen to make in-roads on Thursday morning. "Keeping in mind the slow surface, I am happy with the way our bowlers bowled. We will try to get as much purchase as possible on Thursday morning and then take it up from there. On this surface I am not sure whether one can go for an outright win," he said.

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

### FITTING FINAL FINALE FOR SANIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

SOMETIMES, experiences help players fill gaps left vacant by lack of speed or pace of the opponents. After years of playing, work space usually shrinks into a backyard. Anticipation is usually the first defence. The pair of Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna with years of experience behind them and even though they are unseeded, they can never be considered pushovers.

On Wednesday, Sania, 36, and Bopanna, 42, showed that age can only be a number. Against third seeds Neal Skupski and Desirae Krawczyk, they kept their head and loads of experience to prevail 7-6 (5), 6-7, 10-6 in the semifinals of the Australian Open. It's only poetic that Sania, who won her first Grand Slam title, partnering Mahesh Bhopathi in 2009 at the Australian Open, would be playing the final in her last Grand Slam. She has announced that she will be retiring after the Dubai Open next month.

The Indian pair had a tough start to the match winning the first set 7-6. The see-saw battle turned into a battle of nerves. Karwczky and Skupski then secured the second by a similar scoreline to stretch the match into the match tiebreaker. Like Sania said after the match, the Indian pair held on to their nerves to get over the line. Seeking her seventh Grand Slam title, Sania and Bopanna will meet Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos of Brazil.

There were moments of emotions too. Sania was animated at times and with clenched fists and loud 'come ons', she kept egging herself and partner Bopanna throughout the match. "I play every match trying to win, whether it's my last tournament or my last slam or my first slam," she said after the match. "We were playing one of the best mixed doubles teams on tour and we knew we had to come up with the best. I'm glad we were able to do that," she was quoted by the Australian Open website. "It was an amazing match, obviously there's a lot of nerves playing my last Slam and it's so



Sania Mirza returns a shot during mixed doubles semifinal | TWITTER

#### RESULTS (Q/Fs)

**Men's Singles:** Djokovic bt Rublev 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; Paul bt Shelton 7-6 (6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. **Women's Singles:** A Sabalenka bt D Vekic 6-3, 6-2; Linette bt Pliskova 6-3, 7-5. **Mixed Doubles (SF):** R Bopanna/S Mirza bt 7-6 (5), 6-7 (5), 10-6; L Stefani/R Matos bt O Gadecki/M Polmans 4-6, 6-4, 11-9

#### TODAY'S MATCHES (ALL S/Fs)

**Women's Singles:** E Rybakina vs V Azarenka (2.00PM); M Linette vs A Sabalenka (3.15PM) **Men's Doubles:** Chardy-Martin vs Hys-Zielinski (7.30AM); Hijikata-Kubler vs Zeballos-Granollers (9.00AM)

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special to play with Rohan.

"Rohan was my first-ever mixed doubles partner when I was 14 years old. I was 14 and he was 20 and now I am 36 and he is 42. We have a great relationship," she laughed during an interaction after the match. "We're so excited to come back here and give ourselves another chance. 'I'm so emotional - I'm not a crier in front of people, but I'm almost there right now. I feel the love here, for the 18 years that I've been here it feels like home for me because honestly I've got family here, I eat at home, I get so much home food and I have all these Indians coming out and supporting me."

#### Nole, Sabalenka advance

MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic was two wins away from a 22nd Grand Slam crown after bulldozing into the semifinals on Wednesday, while Aryna Sabalenka was equally impressive in reaching the women's last four. Serbia's Djokovic delivered a masterclass to crush Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 and set up a meeting with Tommy Paul for a place in Sunday's final.

## EXPRESS READ

### Indonesia Masters: Sen, Saina advance

JAKARTA: Indian shuttlers Lakshya Sen and Saina Nehwal advanced to the second round at the Indonesia Masters Super 500 tournament. Sen beat Japan's new sensation, Kodai Naraoka, 21-12, 21-11. Saina eked out a 21-15, 17-21, 21-15 win over Chinese Taipei's Pai Yu Po.

### Siraj becomes world No 1 bowler in ODIs

DUBAI: India pacer Mohammed Siraj became number one bowler in the ICC rankings for ODI bowlers, a testament to his rapid rise in international cricket. Siraj went past New Zealand's Trent Boult and Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood to become the top-ranked ODI bowler.

### Joelinton puts Newcastle in sight of final

SOUTHAMPTON: Eddie Howe warned Newcastle not to get carried away after they moved within touching distance of the League Cup final with a 1-0 win against Southampton in Tuesday's semifinal first leg. Joelinton netted in the second half at St. Mary's to put Howe's side on the brink of their first domestic cup final since 1999.

## New US rape lawsuit filed against Tyson

AFP @New York

A woman in New York state has filed a civil suit against Mike Tyson, accusing the former boxing champion of raping her in a limousine in the early 1990s, according to court filings. The woman, who asked the court to remain anonymous, filed her complaint in early January under a temporary New York state law allowing victims of sexual assault to seek civil damages regardless of the statute of limitations.

Tyson spent three years in jail beginning in 1992 after being found guilty of raping model Desiree Washington, who was 18 at the time. By late Tuesday, Tyson had not issued any public statement.





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# Braverman mulls cut to post-study UK student visa

International students may no longer be allowed to stay on for two years after study

## LONDON

BRITISH Home Secretary Suella Braverman is said to be on a collision course with the country's education department over plans to cut the period of stay allowed for overseas students under a post-study visa route, according to a UK media report on Wednesday.

The new Graduate Visa route, which allows foreign graduates including Indians the chance to stay on to job hunt and gain work experience for up to two years without the requirement of a specific job offer, is expected to be cut under Braverman's proposed review.

According to *The Times*, the Indian-origin home secretary has drawn up a plan to "reform" the Graduate Visa route requiring students to obtain a work visa by getting a skilled job or leave the UK after six months. The newspaper refers to leaked advice to say that the UK Department for Education (DfE) is attempting to block the changes as they fear it would harm the UK's attractiveness to interna-

tional students.

A government source who backs Braverman's plan said the Graduate Visa was being increasingly used by students on short courses at "less respectable universities".

"It's being used as a backdoor immigration route," the newspaper quoted the source as saying. The DfE,

however, argues that the two-year Graduate Visa, often referred to as the UK's post-study offer, was aligned with most of Britain's main competitors, with only the US offering a one-year visa.

According to latest statistics by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), Indians overtook Chinese as the largest cohort of foreign students last year and the new Graduate Visa route, introduced in July 2021, was dominated by Indians accounting for 41% of the visas granted. Braverman's proposal is reportedly among several drawn up after Prime Minister Rishi Sunak asked the Home Office and the DfE to submit proposals for reducing the number of foreign students coming to the UK. *PTI*



# In U-turn, U.S. to send abrams tanks to Ukraine

## WASHINGTON

IN what would be a reversal, the Biden administration is poised to approve sending M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine, US officials said Tuesday, as international reluctance to send tanks to the battlefield against the Russians begins to erode.

It comes as US President Joe Biden on Wednesday spoke with key European allies about supporting Ukraine's fight against Russian invasion, the White House said. US officials said details are still being worked out. One official said the tanks would be bought under an upcoming Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative package, which provides longer-range funding for weapons and equipment to be purchased from commercial vendors.

The US announcement is expected in coordination with an announcement by Germany that it will approve Poland's request to transfer German-made Leopard 2 tanks to Ukraine, according to one official. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision has not yet been made public.

By agreeing to send the Abrams at an as-yet unspecified time under the assistance initiative, the administration is able to meet German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's demand for an American commitment without having to send the tanks immediately.

Until now, the US has resisted providing its own M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine, citing extensive logistical challenges. *AP*

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The public are hereby notified that my client Smt. Seema Bhaskar Nair in contemplating to purchase vacant Site bearing No. 58, Doddagubbi Village, morefully described in the schedule hereunder from present vendor Smt. Lovely Varghese and any person objecting to such purchase or claiming any right, title or interest over the schedule property, may lodge their objections and claims with the undersigned in writing with documentary proof within 10 days from the date of publication of this public notice. Failing to do so, within the stipulated time, it shall be construed that there are no claims or objections in/over the schedule property and my client shall proceed to conclude the purchase.

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Lucknow: Dated: 24 January, 2023

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF PRINCIPAL

In lieu of the letter No.23/71-3-2023 Dated 06 January, 2023 of Government of Uttar Pradesh, applications are invited on prescribed format from Indian Nationals for the post of Principal (one post) for each Autonomous State Medical College, Ayodhya, Shahjahanpur, Mirzapur, Basti and Etah having the following educational qualifications and experience -

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- He shall be a person of eminent medical and administrative experience.
- Educational Qualifications:-** "He shall possess the recognized postgraduate medical qualification and other academic qualifications from a recognized institution with a minimum of ten years' teaching experience as Professor / Associate Professor / Reader in a medical College / Institutes, out of which at least five years should be as Professor in a department.  
Preference for this appointment will be given to the Head of the Department of medical college / Institute."
- Pay Scale:-** For the post of Principal the scale of pay would be Academic Level -14, Entry pay - Rs.1,44,200/- which has been fixed for principal of Government Medical Colleges as pay and allowances etc by The State Government.
- Application Fee:-** A demand draft of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One thousand only) payable in favour of "Director General Medical Education and Training, U.P. Lucknow" payable at Lucknow is mandatory as application fee.
- If applying for more than one place candidate should send separate application for each Autonomous State Medical College with requisite document & Bank Demand Draft.
- Those candidates, who have already applied for the advertisement no ME-2/2022/959 Dated 02 May, 2022 need not to apply again for the post of Principal.

Interested Candidates are invited to send their application on prescribed format (downloadable from [www.dgme.up.gov.in](http://www.dgme.up.gov.in)) along with certificates latest by 05.00 pm on 24-02-2023, to the Office of Director General, Medical Education and Training, U.P. 6th Floor, Jawahar Bhawan, Ashok Marg, Lucknow, UP-226001 by registered/speed post only. Applications received after due date and time and incomplete applications would not be taken into consideration.

RO No. 84830-Dt. 24.01.2023 website: [www.up.gov.in](http://www.up.gov.in)

Director General

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Absolute Sale Deed dated 28.01.2004, registered as document No.21383/2003-04, Book-I, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore property belonging into Mr. Madhu Babu Kaiminil son of Sri. Krishna Murthy K.V.V. property bearing Site No.49, formed in Converted Survey No.29/4, 29/14 & 30/10, measuring East to West 60.75 feet and North to South 40 feet in all totally measuring 2430 Sq.ft. situated at HARALKUTE VILLAGE, Bagur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded by:

East by: Road;  
West by: Site bearing No.56;  
North by: Site bearing No.48;  
South by: Site bearing No.50  
The above said original Absolute deed has been lost. If any body find the same please kindly return the document to the below address:

S. MURTHY,  
SURIYA LAW ASSOCIATES,  
Advocates, No.303, 3rd Floor Metali Meadows, Nagavara, Old Madras Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore 560093, Mob- 9845087191.

## EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender No. SANDT WAT 23 S HASSDAD 12

**NAME OF WORK: OUTDOOR SIGNAL & TELECOM WORKS RELATED TO REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ANALOG AXLE COUNTER SYSTEM WITH HIGH AVAILABILITY SINGLE SECTION DIGITAL AXLE COUNTER SYSTEM IN STATION YARDS OF WALYANAGAR, ANZANAGARAM-05, URLAM-01, KANTAKAPALI-01, SIMHAKHANI NORTH-01, BACHELI-01, LELLIGUMMA-01, SIKARPAI-01 & SITANAGARAM-01, TOTAL=12.**

Approximate Value (Rs.)  
Existing Revised  
2,70,31,70,000/- 2,67,65,10,000/-

Last Date of Submission of bids  
Existing Revised  
16-01-2023 (11:00 Hrs) 06-03-2023 (11:00 Hrs)

For details log on: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Chief Materials Manager, Construction  
Bangalore Cantonment  
PUB/629AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23

Sr. Div. Signal & Telecom Engineer,  
PR-934/N/22-23 Waitair

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. VENKATESH.V. S/o. Late. V.N. Gowda, residing at No.56 (Old No.33), 1st main Road, Near Mahalakshmi Temple, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore North, his father V.N. Gowda has purchased the property bearing Sy. No.34, measuring 2.87 hecter (7 acre 4 guntas) situated at H.N. Kaval Village, Devanapura Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, under registered sale deed dated 12-03-1984 bearing Document No.1124/83-84, book No.1, volume No.1409, page No.43 to 46, in the office of the Nagamangala Sub-registrar, Nagamangala Taluk, executed by Lingaiah and others and now my client, his sister and sister in law are the absolute owners of the said property, he has lost the said Original sale deed documents and in this regard he having given an online police complaint dated 25-01-2023, bearing complaint report No. 0455016/2023, do hereby request public at large to handover the said original documents, if found or traced by any person, to him or to the undersigned and my client is ready to reward suitably the person who is able to trace and handover the said original documents to him.

### SRI RAM LAW CONSULTANCY

Advocate and Legal Consultant  
Hemavathi A.V. Advocate  
#17(120), 6th Cross, 6th Main, Ganeshha Block, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore-560 086.  
Mob:9141689889/84880303  
Email: hemavathileka@gmail.com

## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/140/2023

Dated: 20-01-2023  
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work:

Item of work Approx. Value  
Tumkur-Rayadurg New BG line:- Supply of Machine crushed stone ballast at Challakere Depot.

(Tender Ref. No: TK-RDG-89)  
Last date for submission of bids:  
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 03-02-2023

For details log on: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Chief Materials Manager, Construction  
Bangalore Cantonment  
PUB/629AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum to E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/100/2022 Dated: 26-10-2022

In the above mentioned Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/100/2022 Dated: 26-10-2022

Last Date of Submission of bids  
Existing Revised  
18-02-2023 (11:30 Hrs) 17-04-2023 (11:00 Hrs)

Corrigendum to E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/108/2022 Dated: 16-11-2022

In the above mentioned Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/108/2022 Dated: 16-11-2022

Approximate Value (Rs.)  
Existing Revised  
2,70,31,70,000/- 2,67,65,10,000/-

Last Date of Submission of bids  
Existing Revised  
16-01-2023 (11:00 Hrs) 06-03-2023 (11:00 Hrs)

For details log on: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Chief Materials Manager, Construction  
Bangalore Cantonment  
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## WESTERN RAILWAY

ALL CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004, invites E-tender as per the details given below:

E-Tender No. : Dy.CE/C-I-PTD-B DRN-EPC-01. Name of the work:

All civil engineering works (Earthwork / Blanking, Retaining Wall / Boundary Wall/ Side Drain, Major Bridges, Minor Bridges and LHS/RHS, LC

s, Construction of Station Buildings, Platform, Subways cover over Platforms, Staff Quarters, Passenger Amenities, Circulating Area, approach roads, Offices, Service Buildings, watering, Sanitation, protection works etc. and Supply of 50 mm Machine Crushed Stone Ballast, Complete track works including linking of Track works in connection with Gauge Conversion work between Pettai - Bhadrav (22.56kms) of Vadodara Division on Western Railway on EPC Mode. Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 194,74,06,280/-

EMD: Rs. 97,37,100/- Pre Bid conference at CAO(C)CCG, WRLY, Churchege on: 27.01.2023 at 15:00 Hrs. Date of opening: FROM 02.03.2023 TO 16.03.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.

Notes:- Regarding detailed notice containing EMD, Eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Manual offers will not be considered. 0779

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## ORIX LEASING & FINANCIAL SERVICES INDIA LIMITED

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## (Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited. The loans of the below mentioned borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPAs as per the RBI Guidelines. Amounts due by them to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited, are mentioned as per the respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates

| Sr No. | Loan Account No. | Type of Loan     | Name of borrowers                | Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice | Notice Date | Details of Secured asset                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1      | LN0000000012754  | SME Secured Loan | 1. MS Babu<br>2. Jayamma         | INR<br>61,76,487.31/-           | 20.01.2023  | <b>Schedule-1</b> - All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Bbpm Katha No. 260/255a/132, Assigned To A Portion Of Property Bearing No.132, Measuring East To West (42+37)/2 Feet And North To South 43 Feet, Admeasuring 1698 Square Feet Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.132 Of Nagondanahalli Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building, And Bounded On: North: Remaining Property Of Same Khata No. 132, South: Property Belongs To Mr. Muniyappa, East: Property Belongs To Mr. Venkatagiriappa, West: Property Belongs To Mr. Kiran & 15 Feet Road<br><b>Schedule-2</b> - All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Bbpm Katha No. 260/255/132, Assigned To A Portion Of Property Bearing No.132, Measuring East To West (32+37)/2 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.132 Of Nagondanahalli Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building, And Bounded On: North: Remaining Property Of Same Khata No, South: Property Belongs To Mr. Muniyappa, East: Property Belongs To Mr. Venkatagiriappa, West: 15 Feet Road & Property Of Mr. Ramaswamy<br><b>Schedule-3</b> - All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Katha No. 111/2a, Assigned To A Portion Of Land Measuring East To West 35.6 Feet And North To South (16.6+140)/2 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.111/2a Of Nagondanahalli Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building, And Bounded On: North : Mr. Ramaswamy House Of Same Property No. 111/2a & Vacant Place, South: Mr. Kiran House In Property No. 111/2b, East: Mr. M Seethappa House, West: Road |
| 2      | LN00000000013160 | SME Secured Loan | 1. Muralidhar V<br>2. Arpitha SR | INR<br>52,72,621.53/-           | 20.01.2023  | All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Flat No.401, Bearing Extract Of B Property Register No. 2161/135/119/13/1r 401, Measuring 1275 Square Feet Of Super Built Up Area At Third Floor Of The Building In The Project Known As 'devi Classic Along With 298 Square Feet Of Undivided Share Of Right, Title And Interest In The Land With A Car Parking Space In The Basement Of The Building Constructed On Property Bearing Bbpm Katha No.135/119/13, Admeasuring 2722.5 Square Feet Situated At Sarakki Kere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Stilt, Ground And Three Upper Floors Building, And Bounded On: North: Private Property, South: Road, East: Road, West : Private Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts due to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited as per details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings U/s 13(4) and Sec. 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgage properties mentioned herein above to realize the amount due to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited. Further you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured asset either by way of sale / lease or otherwise.

Date : 20.01.2023

Place : Bangalore

Sd/-

Authorised officer

ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited

## MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Head Office at No.14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram,  
Bangalore-560020, Phone : 080-23562229/23460051

## POSSESSION NOTICE

### Possession of Immovable Properties U/S 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 r/w Rule 8(1)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002 and in exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within - named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13(4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules of the below mentioned date. The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore for the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

| Sl. No.                                | Name of Borrowers/<br>Guarantor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Descriptions of the Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Date of Demand<br>Notice                                           | Date of Possession | Amount<br>Outstanding<br>in Rs.                                                                   |
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| 1.                                     | 1) Sri. Kashi Vishwanath J, S/o. Jagadeeshaiah, 2) Sri. Arun Kumar J, S/o. Jagadeeshaiah, Both are resident at : No. 310, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Last Bus Stop, Ullala Upanagar, Bengaluru-560 056.<br><br>1) Smt. Vani .M, W/o. Kashi Vishwanath .J<br>2) Smt. Sarala .P, W/o. Arun Kumar .J, Both are resident at : No.310, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Last Bus Stop, Ullala Upanagar, Bengaluru-560 056.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site Corporation No. 251 in BBMP Old Khata No. 199/251, Serial No. 67 of Ullal Upanagara, Bengaluru City of Layout formed by Govt of Karnataka in Survey No. 199 of Ullal Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 130, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 40'-0" Fts and North to South 27'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1080 Square Fts and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Property of Asha, North by : Property of Rangaswamy, South by : Property H Basavaraju.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 19.11.2022                                                         | 24.01.2023         | IPL-192 and 260<br><br>Rs. 58,15,607/- as on 18.11.2022, plus further interest and other charges. |
| 2.                                     | Sri. Mallesh M, S/o. Late Mariswamy, No. 52, 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, Behind R.K.Public School, St. Lawrence School Right side, Avalahalli, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560 026.<br><br>1) Smt. Rajeshwari .R, W/o. Mallesh M, 2) Sri. Puneet, S/o. Mallesh M, Both are resident at : No. 52, 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, Behind R.K.Public School, St. Lawrence School Right side, Avalahalli, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560 026.                                                                                                                                                                                       | All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.30/2 in PID No.41-104-30/2, Old No.3 in Khata No.35/3 of Avalahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently situated at 4th Cross, Avalahalli Layout, BBMP Ward No.41, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 30'-0" Fts and North to South 42'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1260 Square Fts and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Property No. 4, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 19.11.2022                                                         | 24.01.2023         | IPL-EMI-287<br><br>Rs. 1,07,82,701/- as on 18.11.2022, plus further interest and other charges.   |
| 3.                                     | 1. Smt. Savithramma, W/o. Late Shivashankar .B .L, 2) Sri. Somashekar .S, S/o. Late Shivashankar .B .L, 3) Sri. Hemant Kumar .S, S/o. Late Shivashankar .B .L, All are resident at : No. 46, Near Manjushree Hotel, anjunathanagara, Ittamadu, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085.<br><br>1) Smt. Parvathi .S, W/o Suresh, 2) Smt. Mahalakshmi .S, W/o. Kiran Kumar, No. 46, Near Manjushree Hotel, Manjunathanagara, Ittamadu, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085.                                                                                                                           | All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.185 in PID No.55-644-185, Old No.46 Survey No.13 of Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently situated at Manjunathanagara, Ittamadu, BBMP Ward No.55, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 40'-0" Fts and North to South 30'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1200 Square Fts and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Property No. 47, North by : Property No. 41 South by : Road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 19.11.2022                                                         | 24.01.2023         | IPL-EMI-284<br><br>Rs. 52,19,073/- as on 18.11.2022, plus further interest and other charges.     |
| 4.                                     | 1) Smt. Gowramma, W/o Late Chinnappa, 2) Sri. Muniraju, S/o. Late Chinnappa, 3) Smt. Radha, D/o. Late Chinnappa, 4) Smt. Ammalu, D/o. Late Chinnappa, 5) Smt. Yellamma, D/o. Late Chinnappa, All are resident at : No. 136, 3rd Cross, Chikmagowdanapalya, Near Durga Chips Factory, Subramanya pura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 061.<br><br>1) Sri. Suresh N, S/o. Nanjundappa N. No. 03, Sri Narasimha Nilaya, Chikkallasaandra, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061.<br>2) Sri. Govina Raj .K, S/o. Krishnan, No. 27, 6th Cross, Lakshmanappa Garden, Kathriguppe, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085. | All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.19 in PID No.55-643-19, site of old Khata No.321 of Kadirenahalli Dhakhale Gowdanapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently situated at 3rd A-Cross, Gowdanapalya, Subramanyapura Main Road, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.55, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 23'-0" Fts and North to South 34'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 782 Square Fts and bounded on the : East by : Eastern portion of site No. 19, West by : 20 Feet Road, North by : 25 Feet Road, South by : Private Property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 19.11.2022                                                         | 24.01.2023         | IPL-EMI-285<br><br>Rs. 36,97,892/- as on 18.11.2022, plus further interest and other charges.     |
| 5.                                     | Smt. Nirmala Devi .R, W/o. Venkatappa, No.102, Puttaiah Compound, Near Ashirwada P G, 4th Cross, shwathnagara, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 094.<br><br>1) Sri. Ramu .V, S/o. M. Venkatappa, 2) Sri. Sathyaprakash .V, S/o. M. Venkatappa, Both are resident at : No. 102, Puttaiah Compound, Near Ashirwada P G, 4th Cross, Ashwathnagara, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 094.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ITEM No. 1: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.55/1-104/A/35 in PID No.99-126-104/A, Old No.1, Khata No.186 of Geddalahalli Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.99, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 8'-0" fts and North to South 98'-0" fts having a total extent of 784 square feet and bounded on the : East by : Property of Munichikaiah, West by : 6 Feet Service Road left in the same land, North by : Property of M Yannappa alias M Suresh, and South by : Land left for way to Govt. Road.<br><br>ITEM No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.55/1-35 in PID No.99-126-55/1, Old No.1, Khata No.186 of Geddalahalli Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.99, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 21'-0" fts and North to South 20'-0" fts having a total extent of 420 square feet and bounded on the : East by : 6 Feet Service Road left in the same land, West by : Property of Marappa, North by : Property of M. Yannappa alias M. Suresh, and South by : 5 Feet Road. | 19.11.2022                                                         | 24.01.2023         | EMI-372 and 380<br><br>Rs. 65,46,984/- as on 14.11.2022, plus further interest and other charges. |
| 6.                                     | Sri. Ramakrishna Alias Ramakrishnappa .M, S/o. Late Muniyappa, No. 468, "Channakeshava Nilaya", Opp. Gurudatta Car Wash, Near Maheshwara Temple, Nagondanahalli, Channasandra Main Road, White Field Post, Bengaluru-560 066.<br><br>1) Smt. Lakshammamma, W/o Ramakrishna alias Ramakrishnappa M,<br>2) Sri. Suresh R, S/o Ramakrishna alias Ramakrishnappa M, 3) Smt. M Asha, W/o Suresh R, No. 468, "Channakeshava Nilaya", Opp Gurudatta Car Wash, Near Maheshwara Temple, Nagondanahalli, Channasandra Main Road, White Field Post, Bengaluru-560 066.                                                             | All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No. 363/350/1/2 in present BBMP Khata No.363, Survey No.1/2 of Nagondanahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, BBMP Ward No.84, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 49'-6" fts and North to South 44'-0" fts having a total extent of 2182.4 square feet and bounded on the : East by : Property of Hiriyappa, West by : 12 Feet Road, North by : Property of Pillappa, South by : Property of Srinivas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 19.11.2022                                                         | 24.01.2023         | EMI-391<br><br>Rs. 1,04,25,022/- as on 18.11.2022, plus further interest and other charges.       |
| Date : 24.01.2023<br>Place : Bangalore |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Sd/- Authorised Officer<br>Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore |                    |                                                                                                   |







**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**  
**ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF**  
**THE Immovable Commercial Property**  
 bearing Door No. 33, situated at 3rd  
 Stage, D. Devaraja Urs Road, Devaraja  
 Mohalla, Mysuru, with the building  
 thereon. Site Measurement: East to  
 West: 31 Feet and North to South [30  
 Feet + 30 Feet 6 Inches] / 2, totally  
 measuring 937.75 Square Feet.  
 Bounded on East by Shop No. 32, West  
 by Road, North by Property No. 33/A,  
 735, 735/1, 736 and South by D.  
 Devaraja Urs Road. Presently MCC PID  
**No.130086, Property No. 25-11-80-90**

**ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF**  
**The Immovable Commercial Property**  
bearing Door No. 735, New No. 17; No. 735/1, New No. D-17/1; No. 736, New No. D-18 and D-33A, situated at Vinoba Cross Road, Gadi Lakkanna Street, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru, with a building thereon. Site Measurements: East to West: 42.00 Feet and North to South: 58.00 Feet, totally measuring 2,436 Square Feet. Bounded on East by Conservancy and West by Gadi Lakkanna Street, North by Katappa Garadi Street and South by Property bearing No. D-33. Presently MCG PID No. 145166, Property No. 25-1-529-371.

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Authorised Officer  
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

**Sd/-**  
**Authorised Officer**  
**Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

Sd/- Authorised Officer  
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,



**KPC GAS POWER CORPORATION LTD.**  
(Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant)  
CIN : U40102KA1996SGC020337

No: KPCL/2022-23/WS/WORK\_INDENT13284/Call-2 Dated: 24.01.2023

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Bids are invited in English from the Intending bidders for the work of **"Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 7.5 HP capacity submersible pumps for existing 10 Nos. of borewells including laying of pipeline, valves, chambers and electrification works for facilitating water supply to 11.5 MW Waste to Energy project at Bidadi, Ramanagara District."** The details of NIT can be viewed on KPCL Website: [www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement Website [www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) The period of completion: 45 days. Last date for submission of bids through e-Portal: 09.02.2023 upto 16:00 Hrs. Further details can be had from **The Chief Engineer (O&M) YCCPP, KPCL, YCCPP Premises, SN Halli Post, Doddaballapura Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064. Tel: 080-28460974. Mob: 91416 07685 / 94806 82821.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client, M. SUDARSHAN REDDY, S/o Sri Narasa Reddy, Aged about 32 years, Residing at Patha Bagepalli, Bagepalli Post, Chikkaballapura District, Karnataka-561 207 has recently lost the original Sale Deed dated: 03.02.2014, vide Document No. BTM-1-04557/2013-14, Book-I, stored in C.D.No. BTMD61, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, BTM Layout, Bangalore which is executed by Sri K. Nagabhishek Reddy in favour of my client, in respect of Residential property bearing Site No.48, Khattha No.48/58/2, situated at Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes within jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike- Ward No.175, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 33 Feet, totally measuring 1320 Square Feet, along with RCC roofed building constructed thereon and my client has lodged a complaint on 23.01.2023 before Bommanahalli Police, Bangalore. If anyone finding the above original title deed is requested to hand over the same to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from hereof and my client will assure of appropriate reward to such person:  
D.S. PREMA KUMAR, Advocate  
No. 216, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Maruli Nilaya, Cubbon Pet, Bangalore-560 002.  
Ph: 72593 72971 Date : 25.01.2023

Government of Karnataka

**Department of Collegiate and Technical Education**  
NO. 1, Unnatha Shikshana Soudha, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001  
Phone: 080 29701510, email: [dce.tender2017@gmail.com](mailto:dce.tender2017@gmail.com)

No.: DCE/ITS/PUR/7/2023-Computer No. 998747 Date: 25.01.2023

**E-Tender Notification**

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following tenders. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

**Tender Schedules are as below**

| Sl. No. | Tender Name & Number                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Date of Floating Tender on e-Procurement Portal | Date and Time of pre-bid meeting | Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | <b>Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1125/Call-2</b><br>"Supply of Competitive Exam Books for Government First Grade Colleges, Polytechnics and Government Engineering Colleges of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" | 25/01/2023                                      | 30/01/2023<br>11.30 AM           | 04/02/2023<br>5.30 PM                                      |
| 2.      | <b>Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND05CAR</b><br>"Hiring of Passenger Car with Drivers for the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"                                                                             | 25/01/2023                                      | 30/01/2023<br>12.30 PM           | 09/02/2023<br>5.30 PM                                      |

Sd/-  
Director of Collegiate Education, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/4326/2an/2022-23

**BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through e-procurement portal)**

BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.

**Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.**

| Sl. No. | Division     | IFT Number                                       | Amount put to tender<br>EMD Amount | Last date & time for receipt of tender | Date & time for opening of tender |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1       | North West-2 | BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/2197/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023 | Rs. 8,90,895/-<br>Rs. 22,300/-     | 03.02.2023 upto 4.00 pm                | 04.02.2023 after 4.30 pm          |
| 2       |              | BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/2197/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023 | Rs. 10,23,238/-<br>Rs. 25,600/-    |                                        |                                   |

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North West)-2

**Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.**

| Sl. No. | Division          | IFT Number                                                 | Amount put to tender<br>EMD Amount | Last date & time for receipt of tender | Date & time for opening of tender |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3       | (WWM-N) V. Valley | BWSSB/EE(WWM-Network)-V.V/PB/1234/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023 | Rs. 27.38 Lakhs<br>Rs. 65,000/-    | 06.02.2023 upto 5.30 pm                | 08.02.2023 at 4.00 pm             |
| 4       |                   | BWSSB/EE(WWM-Network)-V.V/PB/1221/2022-23 Date: 24.01.2023 | Rs. 65.71 Lakhs<br>Rs. 1.55 Lakhs  |                                        |                                   |

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N)-V. Valley

| Sl. No. | Division           | IFT Number                                             | Amount put to tender<br>EMD Amount | Last date & time for receipt of tender | Date & time for opening of tender |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5       | (WWM-N) H&A Valley | BWSSB/EE(WWM-N) H&A/PB/1189/2022-23 Date: 23.01.2023   | Rs. 75.68 Lakhs<br>Rs. 1.79 Lakhs  | 03.02.2023 upto 5.30 pm                | 06.02.2023 at 12.00 Noon          |
| 6       |                    | BWSSB/EE(WWM-N) H&A.V/PB/1174/2022-23 Date: 09.01.2023 | Rs. 28.33 Lakhs<br>Rs. 66,900/-    |                                        |                                   |
| 7       |                    | BWSSB/EE(WWM-N) H&A.V/PB/1176/2022-23 Date: 09.01.2023 | Rs. 41.03 Lakhs<br>Rs. 91,900/-    |                                        |                                   |

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N)-H&A Valley

The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/4316/AKAR/22-23

**AXIS BANK** Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

**DEMAND NOTICE**

A notice is hereby given that the following borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned in to Non-performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

| Sl. No. | Name & Address of the Borrower                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Property Address on Which Loan Availed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Notice Date                       | Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.                                                        |
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| 1       | <b>Diwakar G S/o Govinda Rao, No.2303-01, C Block, Near Sai Baba Temple, Sahakara Nagar, Bangalore 560092.</b><br><b>Diwakar G, Boston, Matrix Logistics Pvt Ltd, No. 2803/1, C Block, Sahakara Nagar, Bangalore 560092. (Borrower/Mortgager)</b> | <b>PROPERTY 1 :</b> All that Piece and parcel of the Property bearing site no 531 formed in Sy no 26/3 situated at 2nd phase, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar Layout, Kothihosahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore and bounded on East By : Site no 530, West By : Site no 532, North By : Road, South By : Site no 537. Together with all buildings and structures thereon fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future.<br><b>PROPERTY 2:</b> All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing site no 532 situated in kothihosahalli village Yelahanka Hobli Bengaluru North Taluk of Residential site demarcated as site no 532 in the layout plan approved by BDA named as Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, NTL Layout, 2nd phase, Bangalore 560097 and present BDA khata no 532/10-11 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded as follows. East by – Site no 531, West by – Site no 533, North by – Road, South by – Site no 536 & 537. Together with all buildings and structures thereon fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future.<br><b>PROPERTY NO 3:</b> All that piece and parcel of Residential site no 951 situated at Kodigehalli village the layout approved by Bangalore Development Authority in Kodigehalli village Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk named as Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, NTL Layout, 2nd phase Bangalore measuring East to West 40'50/2 ft. and North to South 61'31/2 ft measuring 2070 Sq. ft. and bounded on the East by – Road, West by-Site no 952, North by: Site no 950, South by-Road. | 30.12.2022<br>NPA Date 22.09.2022 | Loan No. PHR056101 236931<br><br>Power Home<br><br>Rs.36,24,851 as on 26.12.2022 |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Place : Bangalore Date : 25.01.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Axis Bank Ltd.

**LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.,**  
15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

**POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property))**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S. LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon, The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

| Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date                                                                                                     | Demand Notice Date | Notice Amount     | Description of the Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Mr. Rajeev S N &amp; Mrs. Sharada S</b><br>Loan Account No.410500003580<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 21/01/2023                                     | 23/09/2022         | Rs.94,11,973.00   | All the piece and parcel of the Property at Ramanagara District, Ramanagara Taluk, Bidadi Hobli, Kethiganahalli village, Sy. No. 27/2, 27/4 and 28/5 land, B.D.A L.N.S.R 71/1992-1993, on 16/12/1992 land converted from Agricultural to non agricultural residential land at Ramanagara District, Ramanagara Taluk, BidadiHobli(BanniKuppe Village Panchayath) Bidadi Pura Sabha, Kethiganahalli Village, Katha No.156/2/52, Property No.152900400301502185, Site no.52 and bounded on the:- East by:- Site No.63 Westby:- Site No.51 North by:- 30 feet Road South by:- Private property. Measuring East to West 9.144 meter or 30 feet , North to South 12.192 meter or 40 feet Total site area 111.48 sq. meter or 1200 sq.ft                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Mr. Ravikumar Gowda, Ms. Meenakshamma And Ms. Ravikumar Radhika</b><br>Loan Account No.410500003629<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 21/01/2023         | 22/07/2022         | Rs.2,88,88,402.00 | All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being built on Site bearing Municipal Door No.2240/A, (Katha No.4534), situated at 1st Cross Road, Kuvempunagara, Channapata Town measuring East to West 75 feet, North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 4500 sqft, bounded on: East by :Kuvempunagara 1st Cross Road West by : Property belonging to Hemalatha North by : Property belonging to Mangunath South by : Property belonging to Shakunthala                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Mr. Kishore Dugar, Mrs. Sonal Dugar &amp; Mr. Sanjay Dugar (Guarantor)</b><br>Loan Account No. 410500002398<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 21/01/2023 | 10/11/2022         | Rs.63,89,390.00   | <b>SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :</b> All that Residential vacant Sites bearing Nos. 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128/A and 129/A forming part of Sy.No.15/1 of Lalbagh Upparahally and earlier bearing Municipal Nos. 123-28/1, 124/28/3, 125-28/12, 126-28/5, 127-28/8, 128A/28/15 and 129A/28/16 and presently bearing consolidated Municipal No.28/1, PID No.50-59-28/1, situated in 8th Cross Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagara, Municipal Ward No.50 of Visveswarapuram, Bangalore and totally measuring 26492.49 Sq.Ft., and bounded by: East by: 7th Main Road, West by : Property bearing No.130A, North by : Private Property & Vijaya College Compound, South by : Road.<br><b>SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :</b> (Undivided share of land in the schedule A property hereby sold to purchasers) : 296 sq.ft. of undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property.<br><b>SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY :</b> (Description of the apartment sold to Purchasers) All that residential Apartment bearing Flat No.007, in Ground Floor, comprising of 2BHK, super built up area measuring 1644 sq.ft and Carpet Area measuring 1112 sq.ft., in the Project 'PARASAMANI REGENCY – A BLOCK' being built in Schedule 'A' Property and having right to use common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use together with one covered car parking space in basement floor and Bounded on: East by: Flat No.006 of Parasmani Regency – A Block, West by : Private Property, North by : Flat No.008 of Parasmani Regency – A Block, South by : Road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Mrs. Kumuda Gorur Nagappachar</b><br>Loan Account No. 411600003986 and 411600004976<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 21/01/2023                         | 10/11/2022         | Rs.44,59,923.00   | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No-18A, Sy/Assessment No-41/6, Katha No-41/6/18A, PID No.008-W0561-17, situated at Maruthinagar, Kannuramma Temple Road, Nagashettyhalli Village (Devinagar), Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP Bengaluru. Kodigehalli BBMP Ward No-8, measuring East to West-24ft, North to South-35ft, totally measuring 840sqft, with one square ACC roof old house, cement bricks wall, jungle wood doors and windows, red oxide flooring with electricity and water facility, and bounded on: East by: Temple, West by: House belongs to M. Govindaraju, North by: Property belongs to Muniswamappa, South by: Road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mr. Gollahalli Siddaramaiah Siddeshwamy and Ms. Ranjitha K S</b><br>Loan Account No.411600004987<br>Physical Possession taken on 21/01/2023            | 13/04/2022         | Rs.2,03,24,806.00 | All that piece and parcel of Property New Municipal No.23, vide PID No.100-686-23, situated at D.RAJAGOPAL ROAD, Geddalahalli, SANJAYNAGAR, BANGALORE, in all measuring 48128 Sq.ft. approximately, Bounded on: East by:Road West by :Private Property North by :Property of Veerabhadrapa South by :Property of V Srinivas Raju.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Mahesh Nanjund &amp; Deepa Mahesh</b><br>Loan Account No. 410300000327 & 410300000364<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 24/01/2023                       | 03/03/2022         | Rs.1,38,38,186.29 | SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No. 8/A, Khattha No. 62/4, BBMP SI. No. 1157, situated at KOTHANURVILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes with in the limits BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West : 27 Feet and North to South 57 Feet, totally measuring to an extent of 1539 Sq. Ft. and bounded on: EAST BY : Private Property, WEST BY : Site. No. 8, NORTH BY : Road, SOUTH BY : Site. No. 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Mr. Bya Reddy Nagaraj Reddy, Ms. Jayalakshamma</b><br>Loan Account No. 411600003634<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 24/01/2023                         | 04/04/2022         | Rs.5,93,82136.00  | SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No. 8/A, Khattha No. 62/4, BBMP SI. No. 1157, situated at KOTHANUR VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes with in the limits BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West : 27 Feet and North to South 57 Feet, totally measuring to an extent of 1539 Sq. Ft. and bounded on: EAST BY : Private Property, WEST BY : Site. No. 8, NORTH BY : Road, SOUTH BY : Site. No. 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Ms. Partiban Padma</b><br>Loan Account No. 410500004685<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 24/01/2023                                                     | 23/08/2022         | Rs.68,36,256.00   | <b>Description of the property "A" SCHEDULE PROPERTY [COMPOSITE PROPERTY] :</b> All that piece and parcel of immovable property "SMILEE NISARGA" Layout, formed out in Western side Sy Nos. 43/1, 43/4, 13/1, 143/2, 13/3, 13/4 & 14 respectively, measuring the extent of 15 Acres 35 Guntas of land situated at Kambalipura Village and Marasuru Agrahara Village, or Eastern side Sy Nos. 50/1, 51, 50/2 and 52/2 respectively measuring the extent of 07 Acres 10 Guntas of land situated at Kambalipura Village and Muthasandra Village, totally measuring 23 Acres and 5 Guntas of land, at Hosur Road, Bangalore.<br><b>"B" SCHEDULE PROPERTY:</b> All that piece and parcel of undeveloped residentially converted land bearing Sy No. 14 of Marasuru Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk measuring 5 Acre 04 Guntas, Converted vide Order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing No. ALN-(K & C)SR 6/2008-09 dated. 2301.2008 and bounded as follows:- East by : Property belongs to Ramachandra Reddy and N Keshava Reddy West by : Govt. Channel North by : Property belongs to Ramachandra Reddy and P. Narayana South by : Property belongs to Chowdamma<br><b>"C" SCHEDULE PROPERTY :</b> All that piece and parcel of the Site Nos.295 measuring 1200 sft in SMILEE NISARGA LAYOUT, Formed in Land bearing Survey No. 14 at Marasuru Agrahara, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, layout Plan at No. APA/LAO/23/2010-11 Dated 30.11.2010 and same is also approved by BMRDA and E Khata No. 150200101800500143 and Bounded as Follows:- Plot No.295 measuring 1200 sft and boundaries as follows:- East by : By Plot No.298 West by : By 9M Wide Road North by : By 9M Wide Road South by : By Plot No.296<br><b>"D" SCHEDULE PROPERTY:</b> All that piece and parcel of the Site Nos.298 measuring 1200 sft in SMILEE NISARGA LAYOUT, Formed in Land bearing Survey No. 14 at Marasuru Agrahara, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, layout Plan at No. APA/LAO/23/2010-11 Dated 30.11.2010 and same is also approved by BMRDA and E Khata No. 150200101800500146 and Bounded as Follows:- Plot No.298 measuring 1200 sft and boundaries as follows:- East by : By 9M Wide Road West by : By Plot No.295 North by : By 9M Wide Road South by : By Plot No.297.                                                                |
| <b>Mr. Dinesh Prabhu, Ms. Santhiya Babu &amp; Mr. Thangadurai Ayyasamy</b><br>Loan Account No. 411500008451<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 24/01/2023    | 15/09/2022         | Rs.48,45,890.00   | <b>SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY :</b> All that piece and parcel of an Immovable Residential property bearing Site No.50, Khattha No.2146/143, now Khattha No.2354/2309/143/50, PID No.150200103101103983, situated at Kammasandra Village, Atibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore measuring East to West: 60 Ft. and North to South: 50 Ft. totally measuring 3000 Sq.Ft. and bounded on: East by : Site No.51, West by : 40 Ft. Road, North by : Site No.4 and 5, South by : Site No.49. Comprising of several flats and parking areas with all civic amenities.<br><b>SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY :</b> (Description of the Apartments and 192 Sq.Ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the SCHEDULE A PROPERTY hereby conveyed by the VENDORS to the PURCHASER)<br>Two Bedroom (2BHK) Flat bearing No.103 on First Floor of " HEDDARI ICON " constructed on the SCHEDULE A PROPERTY, along with 192 SQ.Ft. of Undivided share right, title and interest in the land comprised with parking space in the Multi-storeyed building constructed on SCHEDULE A PROPERTY measuring 960 Square feet of super built area, having RCC Roofing, along with One CAR Parking Area in Stilt Floor, sanitary and electrical connection, with and bounded on: East by : Flat No.102 West by : Open to Sky North by : Flat No.104 South by : Open to Sky                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Mr. N S Nairuthya, Mr. Muthuraju R &amp; Mr. K Nagaraju</b><br>Loan Account No. 410500003529<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 24/01/2023                | 22/09/2022         | Rs.1,14,69,887    | <b>SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY:</b> All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing S.No.02, Property No.2, PID NO.150200102400200038, G.P. property No.2/2, S.Gandhi Nagar village, SamandurGrama Panchayat, KasabaHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 12.192 metre, North to South 18.288 metre, total site area 40 feet X 60 feet in this RCC roof building measuring 30 feet X 40 feet and bounded on the:- East by:- Road West by:- Government cow yard North by:- Government cow yard South by:- Sy. No. 240 houses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mrs.Pallavi B S</b><br>Loan Account No. 412000002819<br>Symbolic Possession taken on 24/01/2023                                                        | 21/09/2022         | Rs.43,86,912      | <b>SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : ITEM NO.1 :</b> All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 31(THIRTY ONE) GUNTAS comprised in Sy.No.164/3, of S.Medahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk(duly converted vide Official memorandum dated 16.12.2008 bearing No.ALN(AS)/SR/54/2008-09, issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore district and bounded on the:- East by:- Land bearing Sy.No.164/2 West by:- Land bearing Sy. No.72 North by:- Land bearing Sy.No.164/1 South by:- Land bearing Sy.No.165<br><b>ITEM NO.2 :</b> All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 25(Twenty five) Guntas comprised in Sy.No.165/1 of S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated 22.7.2010 bearing NO.ALN(ASH)/SR/22/2010-11 issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by: Land bearing sy.No.172 West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72 North by : Land bearing Sy.No.164 South by : Land bearing sy.No.165/2<br><b>SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :</b> 0.50% undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A property, measuring about 307 sq.ft in an undivided state has been sold to the PURCHASER by the Onwers/Developer under this Sale deed.<br><b>SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY :</b> Residential Apartment having E Khatha No.150200102701021086, bearing No.113, situated in Ground Floor of the building, measuring about 942 sq.ft of super built up area consisting of One Bed room with RCC roofing, tiled flooring, moulded doors and aluminium windows including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, stair case, lifts and other areas of common use contained in the residential apartment complex known as PUSHPAM E TOWN constructed on the Schedule A property with one covered car parking space exclusively earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the PURCHASER, built according the plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.CC/526/2013-14, dated 30.10.2013 on single site plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.LAO/34/2012-13 bounded on the: East by : Common Corridor West by : OTS Road North by : Apartment No.109 and South by : Common corridor. |

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## DAY'S DIARY

### Remembering Kobe

Kobe Bryant, the 18-time All-Star who won 5 NBA championships, died in a helicopter crash on this day in 2020. He was 41.

## EARLY LIFE

Born in 1978 in Philadelphia, he grew up in Italy where his father went to play professional basketball after retiring from the NBA.



## CAREER

At LA Lakers, he teamed up with Shaquille O'Neal to form a dominant partnership and led the team to three consecutive NBA titles.

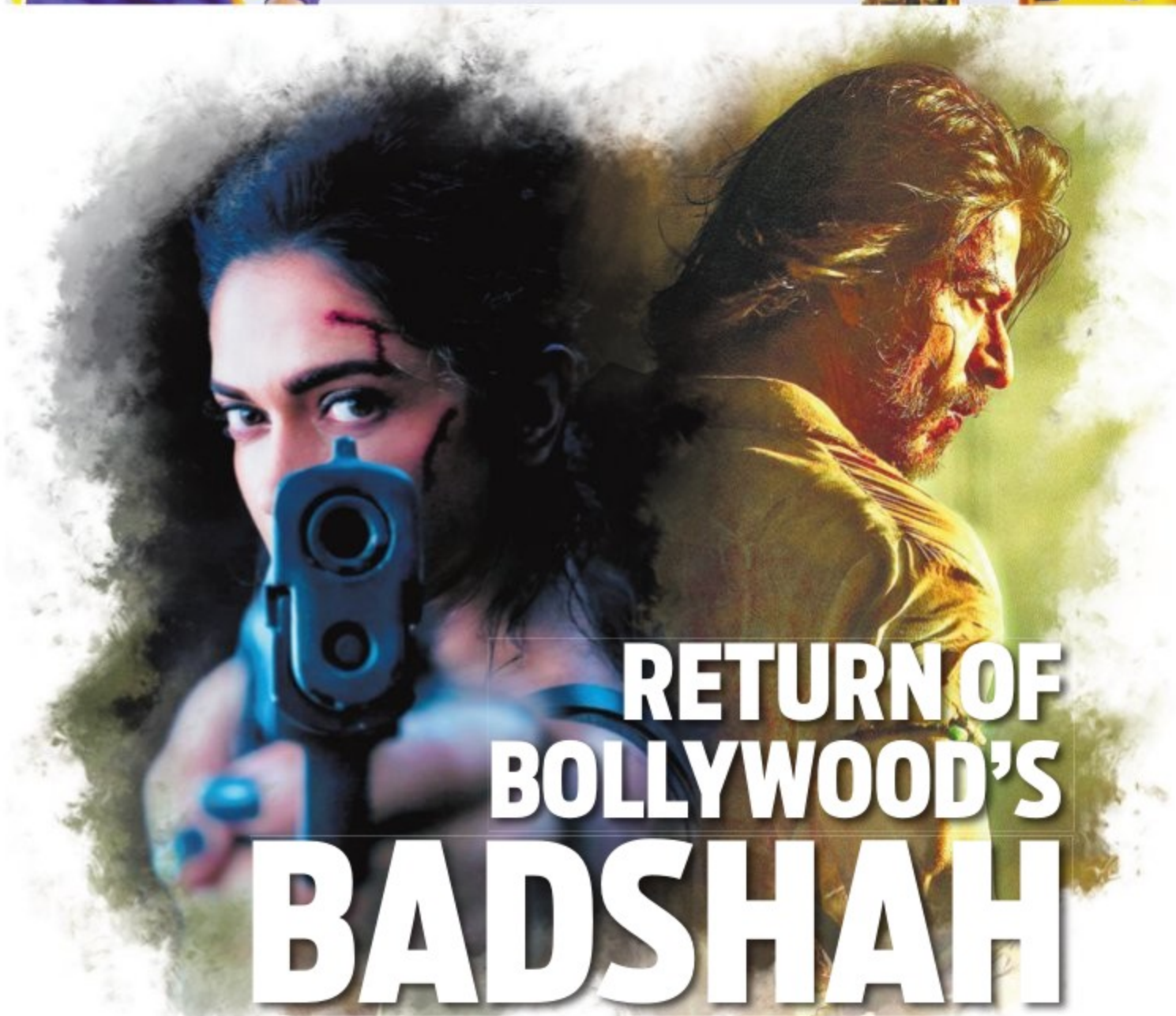


## RETIREMENT

A two-time Olympic gold medalist, Bryant retired in 2016 after scoring 60 points in his final NBA game.

Check out the events  
happening in the city

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# RETURN OF BOLLYWOOD'S BADSHAH

Bollywood is back with a bang going by the response Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone-starrer *Pathaan* received on the first day of its release. From catching the first-day-first-show to fan club members booking multiple shows, Bengalureans share their excitement of watching SRK on the big screen after four years



## MONIKA MONALISA

The film was action-packed. SRK really delivered what he had promised in terms of entertainment. I went in with no expectation from the plot – if you are watching *Pathaan* for the story, then you could be going for the wrong reason. The Salman and SRK element in the movie was a pleasant surprise – I had not expected it. I am not a Salman fan, but honestly, these two represent the Bollywood I have grown up with. It's nice to see them on screen together.

**GEETANJALI CHITNIS,**  
CHIEF BRAND OFFICER

**A**FTER four years, one month, two days, Shah Rukh Khan (SRK) returned to the big screen with his blockbuster release *Pathaan*. Needless to say, this long wait paid off when King Khan made his appearance on screen. The film, which also stars Bengaluru girl Deepika Padukone, and John Abraham, has been going housefull ahead the long weekend.



We had an opening of *Pathaan* with advances of close to five lakh admissions for the first long weekend. This was the first SRK film that opened at 6am here. We are seeing a preference to watch this movie in our premium formats. It is an encouraging response to out-of-home entertainment experiences.

**SANJEEV KUMAR BIJLI,**  
JOINT MD, PVR



## GURUR MAGAJI, FOUNDER, SRK FANS' ASSOCIATION BANGALORE



**W**hat has happened on social media of late has added to complications. Very insignificant things get too much space and that has been a big bane. What Deepika Padukone has done in *Pathaan* is not something unusual. Rather, it has been done from the time of *Satya Shivan Sundaram* (1978). Today, people create controversies around films, not because they have any great objection to what is there in the film, but rather to get five seconds of fame. The best way to get that fame is attacking the film stars.

**KM CHAITANYA, FILMMAKER**



I am a die-hard fan of SRK and didn't want to miss watching him on the big screen. I wanted to watch it on the first day before people start leaking spoilers. Even though I am a hands-on mother, I handed over my responsibilities of my toddler to my husband so I could catch the late-night show. I would not have done this for anyone else. As SRK once said... 'Itni shidaat se tumhe paane ki koshish ki hai...' (When you want something really bad - things work out for you)

**SOMEDUTTA CHATTERJEE, BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL**

## CITY READ



### Bhaichung Bhutia's academy to organise football trials in city

Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS) will conduct trials for its residential academies (boarding schools with football training) in BBFS Arena, HAL Bengaluru on January 29. BBFS aims to reach out to football aspirants across the country through its latest initiative '100 Trials. 100 Cities. Unlimited Dreams.' There are opportunities to gain scholarships, covering academics, training, food and lodging. "We want to reach out to every youngster and allow them to represent us. Through the trials, we aim to find talented footballers and provide them an ideal pathway to reach the top," said Bhaichung Bhutia.



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Send answers to [bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com](mailto:bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com) with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

## THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1. Sholay 2. Bengaluru rural 3. Chikkaballapur

## FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Suguna Pamulapati 2. Satish N 3. V Ganapathy

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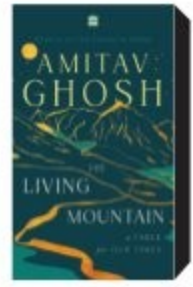
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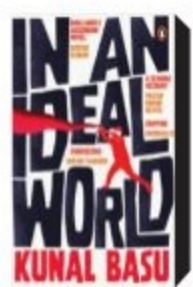
### The Living Mountain

by **Amitav Ghosh**  
 This work of fiction concerns the Anthropocene. It is a tale of how we have systematically exploited nature, leading to an environmental collapse.



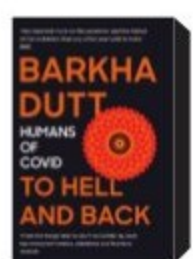
### Rebirth: A Novel

by **Jahnavi Barua**  
 Story of Kaberi, a woman who is talking to her unborn child and unveils the relationship between a child and mother during pregnancy.



### In an Ideal World

by **Kunal Basu**  
 The portrayal of political bigotry and a fictional thread loosely based on real incidents like the disappearance of JNU student Najeeb Ahmed



### Humans of COVID: To Hell and Back

by **Burkha Dutt**  
 A poignant narration about challenges and struggles of people during the pandemic and how people fought the condition.

## WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



### Road Thrill

Go Green Cycling is organising a ride for Republic Day. An opportunity for outdoor bouldering for the city's residents. Team Cycle World will serve food and provide a workshop on bicycle maintenance. Also features a quiz with prizes for correct answers.

📍 **WHERE:** Thurahalli Forest, off Kanakapura Road  
 🕒 **WHEN:** January 26, 6.30am  
 📞 **DETAILS:** allevents.in

### HOUSE PARTY

A series of house parties with the 'TechNomads', featuring music from DJs Rishi Slippy and Aagaau, who will keep you energised all night long. 📍 **WHERE:** Sly Granny, Indiranagar 🕒 **WHEN:** January 28, 8pm 📞 **DETAILS:** 08884498120

### WINE TOUR

Learn about the winemaking process, from the initial crushing of the grapes to the final labelling and packaging. What could be more exciting than visiting a winery and seeing the production and gorgeous, lush, green grape vineyards.

📍 **WHERE:** Nandi Valley Winery, Nandi Durga Road 🕒 **WHEN:** January 26, 10.30am 📞 **DETAILS:** insider.in



### Tricolour Buffet

Celebrate the spirit of nationalism on Republic Day with a lavish buffet featuring Indian cuisine. This tricolour buffet showcases the variety of foods from across the country and honours the cuisine of our various states with equally lavish drinks.

📍 **WHERE:** The Black Pearl, Marathahalli 🕒 **WHEN:** January 26, 12pm onwards 📞 **DETAILS:** 9880434555

### Retro Music

A combination of celebrated artists and rising stars will feature in this event, which is curated by Padma Shri Aruna Sairam. Four segments with a cross-blending of genres and a thrilling finale will offer the best of entertainment. Rakesh Chauhan, Antara Nandy, Satyajit Talwalkar, Patri Satish Kumar, Giridhar Udupa, Gino Banks, and Varun Pradeep are all performing at the event. 📍 **WHERE:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram 🕒 **WHEN:** January 27, 6.30pm 📞 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



### Laughriot

Vipul Goyal from TVF's popular webseries *Humorously Yours* is in the city. You can experience the jokes live. Vipul Goyal's trove of relatable jokes and punchlines will have you laughing like a hyena. 📍 **WHERE:** MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar 🕒 **WHEN:** January 26, 6.30pm onwards 📞 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Book Launch

Atta Galatta, in collaboration with Penguin Random House, will be hosting the book launch of *Who's Afraid of a Giant Wheel?* The author, Zainab Sulaiman, explores the much troubled 8-year-old Noorie, who is trying to make sense of various things in life. 📍 **WHERE:** Atta Galatta, Indiranagar 🕒 **WHEN:** January 28, 5pm 📞 **DETAILS:** 9632510126



## PIGMENT OF IMAGINATION

Art enthusiasts explore paintings on display at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat recently, as part a solo show titled 'Entelechy' | **VINOD KUMAR T**

## QUICK FIX

### BESAN HALWA



Contributed by **G Naga Jyothi**, Hyderabad

#### INGREDIENTS

■ **Besan:** 1 cup ■ **Ghee:** 3/4 cup ■ **Water:** 1 cup  
 ■ **Elaichi powder:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Dry fruits (optional)**

#### METHOD

- To a sauce pan, add ghee. Once the ghee is hot, add besan to it and fry it for 5-6 minutes.
- In a small bowl, add water and sugar and boil it together.
- Once the besan turns golden brown, add the sugar water and mix it without lumps.
- Keep stirring the mixture and cook until you see the ghee.
- Simmer the halwa and add dry fruits to it.
- Serve hot.

## What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at [bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com](mailto:bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com)

## FIT BIT

### ARDHA PADMA SARVANGASANA (HALF LOTUS IN SHOULDER STAND POSE)

This inversion pose is said to activate the Visuddha (throat) chakra, which enhances speech, listening, higher understanding and authentic expression, and the Sahasrara (crown) chakra, associated with enlightenment, insight, wisdom and the divine Self.

#### STEPS

- Lie down on your back and relax the body.
- Then slowly raise your legs and buttocks with the help of your hands, and come into Sarvangasana. Remain in this pose for a short time.
- Now, bend your left knee and place the foot on the right thigh close to the hip joint.

- While holding this position, your breathing should be normal.
- You can hold the posture as long as you are comfortable.
- Then slowly return to the starting position.
- After that, repeat the asana with the other leg following the steps mentioned above.
- Finally, relax in Savasana (Corpse Pose).



#### BENEFITS

- Strengthens the endocrine and nervous systems.
- Helps to improve blood circulation, stimulate the digestive fire and regulate body weight.
- It is more helpful to stretch the muscles of the back, hips and legs.
- It also promotes flexibility of the spine and heightens one's sense of wellbeing.
- It is helpful for floating kidneys.
- This pose is especially recommended for learning to sit in lotus posture.
- The asana influences the Vishuddhi and Manipura Chakras.
- Strengthens the back and abdominal muscles, activates the intestinal peristalsis.
- It is more useful for removing constipation.
- It facilitates the breakdown of fats by activating the liver and gallbladder and stretches the pelvic region.

#### LIMITATIONS

This asana should not be performed by those with slipped disc, problems of the knees or hips, and women during pregnancy.

You should not practise this pose if you are suffering from hernia, sciatica or other back or neck ailments.

People with high blood pressure, heart ailments and knee problems should also avoid this pose.

By **N Elumalai, PhDscholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

## REGIONAL



### THOTHAPURI: CHAPTER 1 (Kannada)

A farmer and ladies tailor, Gowda has twisted sense of humour. He finds his match in Shakila, who visits the local temple and shares a similar sense of humour. Will love win over religious biases?

**Cast:** Jaggaesh, Veena Sundar, Hema Dutta  
 ● **Watch on:** ZEE5

### MISSION MAJNU (Hindi)

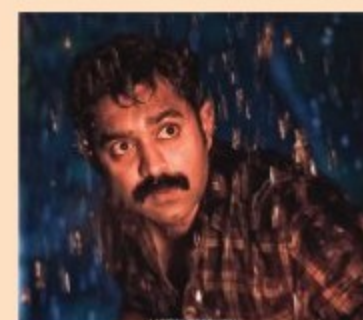
Driven by dark past, a determined Indian spy embarks on a dangerous undercover mission in Pakistan - but the cost of failing could be catastrophic.

**Cast:** Sidhart Malhotra, Rashmika Mandanna, Parmeet Sethi, Sharib Hashmi, Kumud Mishra  
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix

### MISTER MUMMY (Hindi)

A grumpy teacher and his wife clash on the subject of kids, but a rare twist of fate leads them to connect in ways they never thought possible.

**Cast:** Riteish Deshmukh, Genelia D'Souza, Mahesh Manjrekar  
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix



### KOOMAN (Malayalam)

A strict police officer moves to a hilly village on the border between Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Events disrupt his life and that of many other people connected to that police station.

**Cast:** Asif Ali, Hannah Reji Koshy, Baburaj  
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



### ITLU MAREDUMILI PRAJANEKAM (Telugu)

On election duty in the tribal region of maredumili, Sripathi Srinivas aims to ensure a 100 per cent voter turnout. How will he achieve his goal when the villagers have no faith in the system.

**Cast:** Allan Nares, Anandhi, Vannela Kishore.  
 ● **Watch on:** ZEE5

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### KAAPA (Malayalam)

When a young woman's name appears on a fugitive watchlist, her husband finds himself caught in the crosshairs of a hardened gangster and merciless war.

**Cast:** Prithviraj Sukumaran, Apama Balamurali, Anna Ben, Asif Ali, Dileesh Pothan and Jagadish.  
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix



### VARALARU MUKKIYAM (Tamil)

A wayward young man's life is turned on its head when he begins to doggedly pursue the daughter of the new family in his neighbourhood.

**Cast:** Jiva, Kashmiri Pardeshi, Prayaga Nagra, VTV Ganesh, KS Ravikumar, Rajendran Vij Rathesh, Siddique  
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix

## FOREIGN

### WOMEN AT WAR (French, Series)

In 1914, German troops advance, men leave for the front lines, and four women grapple with the devastating consequences of war at home in France.

**Cast:** Julie de Bona, Audrey Fleurot, Camille Lou, Sofia Essaidi, Tom Leeb  
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix



### THAT '90S SHOW (English, series)

Set in the summer of 1995, Leia Forman makes friends with a new generation of Point Place kids while visiting her grandparents, Red and Kitty, in Wisconsin.

**Cast:** Laura Prepon, Kurtwood Smith, Callie Haverda, Debra Jo Rupp, Topher Grace  
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix



### VENGEANCE (English)

A writer from New York City attempts to solve the murder of a girl he hooked up with and travels down south to investigate the circumstances of her death and discover what happened to her.

**Cast:** BJ Novak, Lio Tipton  
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video (Rent)



### THE LAST OF US (English, series)

An American post-apocalyptic drama set twenty years after a mass fungal infection sparked a global pandemic and follows Joel, a smuggler tasked with escorting the teenage Ellie across a post-apocalyptic United States.

**Cast:** Pedro Pascal, Ella Ramsey, Gabriel Luna, Anna Torv  
 ● **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

# NOW STREAMING

**SUBSCRIPTION**  
**Disney+ Hotstar:** ₹ 199 for 3 months  
**Zee5:** ₹ 399 for 3 months  
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**Netflix:** ₹ 149 per month



Keratoconus causes blurred vision and sensitivity to light and glare, and usually impacts both eyes

# DIDN'T SEE IT COMING?

DR ANAND BALASUBRAMANIAM

**K**ERATOCONUS is a phenomenon that occurs when your cornea—the clear, dome-shaped front surface of your eye—thins and gradually bulges outward into a cone shape. This causes blurred vision and sensitivity to light and glare. The ailment usually impacts both eyes, though it often impacts one eye more than the other. Keratoconus is not a common condition. It happens more often in young adults in their teens and twenties. It affects men and women in equal numbers.

## SYMPTOMS

- 1 Blurred or distorted vision
- 2 Need to frequently change eyeglasses
- 3 Sudden worsening or clouding of vision
- 4 Heightened sensitivity to bright light and glare, which can cause problems with night driving
- 5 It is important to see your eye doctor (ophthalmologist) if your eyesight is worsening rapidly, which might be caused by an irregular curvature of the eye (astigmatism).

## CAUSES

It is not very clear what causes keratoconus, although genetic and environmental factors are thought to be the causes. Around 1 in 10 people with keratoconus have a parent with the condition. Having a family history of keratoconus, rubbing your eyes vigorously, having certain conditions such as retinitis pigmentosa, Down

syndrome and asthma are said to be the risk-factors for keratoconus.

## DIAGNOSIS

Your eye care specialist will ask about your health history and give you an eye exam. The doctor will test the sharpness of your vision and your eyes may be dilated for a part of the exam. Your specialist will give you eye drops that widen (dilate) the dark part in the centre of your eye (pupil). This lets your provider see more of your eye more clearly. Your provider may also use a device to measure the curvature of your cornea. Early stages of keratoconus may not be found unless your doctor is looking for signs of the disease. An imaging test



called corneal topography may help your provider make the diagnosis. This test shows changes in the shape of the cornea.

## PREVENTION

- Protecting your eyes from UV radiation with sunglasses
- Making sure your contact lenses fit well
- Getting treatment for any kind of eye discomfort (for example, from allergies)
- Not rubbing your eyes
- Call an eye doctor if you have sudden vision loss or sudden pain in your eye



## TREATMENT OF KERATOCONUS

If you have been diagnosed with keratoconus, the most important thing to do is to prevent the condition from worsening and following the advice of your eye doctor on the best treatment options and follow-up care.

Depending on the specific characteristics of your keratoconus, these treatment options may include being fitted with scleral contact lenses, undergoing a corneal cross-linking procedure, or both. It's also very important that you refrain from rubbing your eyes. Eye rubbing has been associated with keratoconus getting worse.

Successful management of keratoconus requires frequent and lifelong eye exams to make sure your cornea remains stable and your visual acuity is maintained.

If your keratoconus is progressing, corneal collagen cross-linking might be indicated to slow or stop the progression. This is a newer treatment that has the potential to prevent you from needing a cornea transplant in the future.

Improving your vision depends on the severity of keratoconus. Mild to moderate keratoconus can be treated with eyeglasses or contact lenses. This will likely be a long-term treatment, especially if your cornea becomes stable with time or from cross-linking.

In some cases of keratoconus, the cornea becomes scarred with advanced disease or wearing contact lenses becomes difficult. Here, cornea transplant surgery might be necessary.

If you are confused or uncertain about the advice you receive from your eye doctor about managing your keratoconus, consider seeking a second opinion from an ophthalmologist who is a keratoconus specialist.

(The writer is sr. consultant - cornea, cataract & refractive services, Sankara Eye Hospital)

# UNPACKING PAINS OF PAINKILLER ADDICTION

SAHANA IYER

**T**o choose over-the-counter medication in India is not an uncommon affair, thanks to the easy accessibility. And while this availability may seem like a boon to many, it is also a curse. A 2020 review article *Over-the-counter medicines: Global perspective and Indian scenario* in the Journal of Postgraduate Medicine shares that 52 per cent of Indians were estimated to self-medicate, according to a survey across 10 cities. While the statistic is alarming, it is also disheartening when one considers the rising cases in painkiller addiction. Having worked in de-addiction for 24 years, Sheeba Williams, senior counsellor, TTK Hospital, TT Ranganathan Clinic, talks about the causes, danger, and treatment of painkiller addiction. Excerpts:

## What causes painkiller addiction and how often do you see it?

Initially, there were only alcohol patients coming in. Now we have a lot of patients who are using an opioid or narcotic. People usually use pain-relieving medicines over the counter for some kind of physical ailment, but these painkillers activate the pleasure centre in the brain and cause euphoria. People get addicted to it, and they want to do it more and more to feel a temporary sense of well-being. The pain centre in the brain gets nullified initially and it becomes addictive because of the endorphins neurotransmitter secreted in the brain. The withdrawal is just the opposite of the effect when they take the painkillers. So when we are not on it, they feel pain. And to handle it, they take it again and again.

## Could you talk a little bit more about the withdrawal?

When people take painkillers, they feel it has a tranquillising effect—they feel as if they have to go to sleep and feel the body is in the air, and withdrawal is just the opposite. They feel restless and are not able to sleep. Sometimes, some patients even complain of nausea, and lack of appetite.



## When does taking over-the-counter medicine start becoming a problem?

All the medications that are prescribed by the doctor, there is a particular time frame for them. So if a doctor prescribed medicine, for sleep or for pain for a particular period of time, say, 10 days, it is called drug use. If I take that prescription, and increase the dosage, for example, 10 medicines a day, and do this for six months, it becomes drug abuse.

## How do you recognise it? When should one go to a doctor/de-addiction centre?

According to the definition of addiction, a person's drug abuse or substance use is becoming a problem when it starts affecting one or more areas in his life like family responsibilities, financial condition etc. It's very difficult to let go of the addiction because of the withdrawal. Physical and psychological withdrawals exist, sometimes they can feel depressed, or anxious or even have a seizure. It's always better to get into a treatment centre where there is a safe admin-

istration of medicines for their withdrawals and symptoms.

**Regarding the statistics, has the number increased?** It's increasing nowadays. Now, many youngsters have started using these painkillers because it's cost-effective and easily available. For example, if they want to sleep after an exam, they can just take a painkiller and sleep. The age of initiation has considerably come down. When I started my career 24 years ago, the client would say they started using drugs when they were 25. But now some say in class 8 or 10, usually misled by a peer. This means the damage to the developing brain is greater because the brain keeps developing from age five to 20. When drug use is initiated, brain deterioration or functioning can be affected.

## Is there any way or need for intervention?

The government has a drug policy where these medicines cannot be given over the counter without prescription. The doctor's prescription and the prescription date are very important. Only a few medical centres follow these procedures. Maybe more stringent procedures from authorities to ensure that it's not easily available (would be helpful). People who are taking more money to give drugs without any prescription should be punished. It's also important to create awareness. Parents and teachers have to play a better role in guiding children. Families have to be more responsible now with social media.

## What does de-addiction look like?

All addiction treatments should be an in-patient programme. Whenever a person comes in for a treatment programme, the first thing that needs to be done is detoxification. The painkillers have definitely done a lot of damage to the system. After the detoxification process, the person is physically fit but not mentally. Which means this craving still persists. The next step will be psychological intervention in the form of counselling and therapy, and other interventions.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CHANGE OF NAME

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I, UMESH IRAPPA KALLIBADDI S/o IRAPPA KALLIBADDI R/at Flat No.B303, Soundarya Kamakshi Apartment, No.04, Magadi Main Road, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to UMESH KALLIBADDI vide affidavit dated: 23/1/2023 Before Notary Ratna.N Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 16115979M NK PALANISAMY.C. of unit:303 FD PARK COY, 2 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914007, Have Changed My Father Name (OLD NAME) BOJJA BHEMANNA to (NEW NAME) BOJJA BHEMALINGU And Mother name (OLD NAME) BOJJA RUKMA to (NEW NAME) BOJJA RUKMAVA Vide Affidavit Dated 24.01.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N. BANGALORE.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 16119881A NK BOJJA RAJENDAR, of unit: 61FD COY, 7 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, Pin:914007, Have Changed My Father Name (OLD NAME) BOJJA BHEMANNA to (NEW NAME) BOJJA BHEMALINGU And Mother name (OLD NAME) BOJJA RUKMA to (NEW NAME) BOJJA RUKMAVA Vide Affidavit Dated 24.01.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N. BANGALORE.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 16128629Y SPR JAYABHARAT SHANKAR KUMBAR, of unit: RHQ CAMP, 18 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914018, Have Changed My Name Self (OLD NAME) JAYABHARAT SHANKAR KUMBAR to (NEW NAME) JAYABHARATH KUMBAR, Vide Affidavit Dated 24.01.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N. BANGALORE.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHAGYA.V. W/o. Vijay Kumar, aged about 35 years, R/at No.526, Rachappa Garden, Shanthinagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 027 have changed my daughter Name from HANNA KUMARI to HASINI .V and in school record continued as HASINI .V, Vide Affidavit dated 18-01-2023 before Advocate and Notary S. Nagaraja, Bengaluru

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJA (New Name) Son of MADASSETTY aged 45 years, Residing at No.3, 1st MAIN, 6th Cross, Muneshwara Layout, Devnagar, Bengaluru North, BENGALURU-560094, declare that I have changed my name from M.MANADEVA SHETTY (Old Name) to RAJA (New Name) henceforth I shall be known and called as RAJA (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide affidavit dated 12/01/2023 sworn before advocate and notary N. Narayana Swamy, Bengaluru.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANMEET KAUR AHUJA, Aged about 36 Years, W/o. Anirban Ghoshal, resident of Astro Maison Douce, H N Halli Lake Road, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore - 560035, have changed my name to MANMEET KAUR vide affidavit dated 25/01/2023 sworn before advocate and notary B. M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRANAV PRAKASH, age 28 years, S/o Sri Smiti Prakash and Sri Pramod Sadarjoshi, R/at No.387, 4th Main Road, 2nd Block, Near BDA Complex, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 032 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from PRANAV SADARJOSHI to PRANAV PRAKASH, henceforth I shall be known and called as PRANAV PRAKASH only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary D. SRINIVASA at Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEEPAK KUMAR JHA resident of Village-Prem Nagar Bhalura, P.S- Aurai, P.O-Bhalura, Dist-Muzaffarpur, Bihar-843312 have changed my son Name from TAKSH JHA to AADVIK K JHA Vide Affidavit dated 25-01-2023 before Advocate and Notary Kodi Nagappaya, Bengaluru

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, AFROZ BEGUM .M.A.B, aged about 65 years, W/o Mohamed Abdul Basheer .M.A.W, R/at #34, 7th Main, 17th Cross, ITI Layout, Benson Town Post, Bengaluru-560046, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from AFROZ BEGUM to AFROZ BEGUM .M.A.B, henceforth I shall be known and called as AFROZ BEGUM .M.A.B only, vide affidavit dated 25-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANGARAJU .B.N at Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRI K.M SUMAN, aged about 37 years, S/o. K. Muddu Krishniah, residing at 112, 1st Floor, Sai Murli Comforts, 3rd Cross, Near Andhra Spice Restaurant, Chennasandra, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560098, hereby declare that my names assigned as K.M SUMAN, SUMAN KALKI MUDDU and SUMAN MUDDU KALKI are one and the same and thereby all the three names referred above pertains to me alone. vide affidavit dated 25-01-2023 sworn to before advocate and notary S.R. Thulasikrishna, Bangalore

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIDHI ABHILASH, aged about 25 years, W/o Abhilash Appasaheb, R/at #12 & 13, 14th A Cross, Dasarahalli Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, H.A. Farm Post, Bengaluru-560024, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from NIDHI to NIDHI ABHILASH, henceforth I shall be known and called as NIDHI ABHILASH only, vide affidavit dated 25-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V. NANJIAH at Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMED ABDUL BASHEER .M.A.W, aged about 58 years, S/o Mohamed Abdul Wahab, R/at #34, 7th Main, 17th Cross, ITI Layout, Benson Town Post, Bengaluru-560046, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MOHAMED ABDUL BASHEER WAHAB to MOHAMED ABDUL BASHEER .M.A.W, henceforth I shall be known and called as MOHAMED ABDUL BASHEER .M.A.W only, vide affidavit dated 25-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANGARAJU .B.N at Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, A. Revathi (Old Name), W/o. Mr. P. Damodara Bhat, aged about 53 years, R/at No. 408, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Dr. Shivaram Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 077, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name as SOUMYA D. PALANDE (New Name) vide affidavit dated 24.01.2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary V. Rangaramu, Bangalore

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kiran Hebbar .K, S/o. K. Vasudeva Hebbar, Aged about 47 years, Residing at No. 146, 4th Main, 8th Cross, Dollars Layout, B.T.M. 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560 076, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from SHREYA to SHREYA HEBBAR vide affidavit dated 24.1.2023 sworn to before H.R. Karunakara, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHANAK MALU D/o Ms.Dhara Mavani, aged about 18 years, residing at S-4, Palm Grove Apartment, 2nd Main, Coconut Garden Layout, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my name from KHANAK MALU to KHANAK DHARA MAVANI, vide affidavit dated 24.01.2023 sworn before notary Vani.G.K, Bengaluru.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, RODDAM ESWARA REDDY, S/o. Narasimha Reddy R, Aged about 37 years, R/at # 85, 4th Main Road, 7th Cross, MGR Layout, Roopena Agrahara, Near Sharvathi Apartment, Bangalore - 560 068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from NAGENDRA REDDY S/o. NARASIMHA REDDY R to RODDAM ESWARA REDDY S/o. NARASIMHA REDDY R, Date of birth as per my Aadhar Card - 12.06.1985, vide affidavit dated 23.1.2023 sworn to before Jain Swarnamala, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEEPIKA is Daughter of No JC-414724W Rank Sub Name JITENDRA KUMAR presently residing at Khuwani (Vili), Dhunthiyal (Po), Landsowne (Teh), Pauri Garhwal (Dist), Up - 246155 that have declared to changed my name from DEEPIKA to DEEPIKA KUMARI vide Affidavit dated 19.01.2023 sworn before me Sivakumara M.N

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAM CHANDRA is Father of No JC-414724W Rank Sub Name JITENDRA KUMAR presently residing at Khuwani (Vili), Dhunthiyal (Po), Landsowne (Teh), Pauri Garhwal (Dist), Up - 246155 that have declared to changed my name from RAM CHANDRA to RAM CHANDER vide Affidavit dated 19.01.2023 sworn before me Sivakumara M.N

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) CHANDRAKANT HADAPAD Residing at No.1004, Jnanabharathi 1st Block, MPS School Opp.Valagerahalli, Kengeri Upanagara, R.V. Engineering College Campus, Bangalore 560059, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) CHANDRAKANT HADAPAD to (NEW NAME) CHANDRAKANT HADAPAD vide affidavit dated: 24.01.2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHAMSHUDDIN MAHAMAD HUSMAN Residing at No.Heggadadevanakote taluk, Kasab A Hobli, Padukote (Gondar Shed), Mysore 571189, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SHAMSHUDDIN MAHAMAD HUSMAN to (NEW NAME) SHAMSUDIN vide affidavit dated: 25.01.2023 sworn before Notary B.Prasanna B.Sc LLB, Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HASSAIN SYED AFZAL Residing at No.4095/A, 3rd Main 2nd Cross, Pipeline Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) HASSAIN SYED AFZAL to (NEW NAME) SYED AFZAL HUSSAIN vide affidavit dated: 18.01.2023 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HUMERA Residing at No.24/50-5, 8th C Main N.G.Palya, Bangalore-560029, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) HUMERA to (NEW NAME) HUMERA TAJ vide affidavit dated: 23.01.2023 sworn before Notary K.S.Giridhar, Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HAMEED SYED HUSSAIN Residing at No.4095/A, 3rd Main 2nd Cross, Pipeline Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) HAMEED SYED HUSSAIN to (NEW NAME) SYED HUSSAIN vide affidavit dated: 18.01.2023 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SYED BABU JAN Residing at No.28, 3rd Cross, Amar Layout, D.J.Halli, A.C.Post, Bengaluru-560045, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SYED BABU JAN to (NEW NAME) SYED BABU vide affidavit dated: 24.01.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.Vatsala, Bangalore.

#### DECLARATION

Under mentioned Shridhar Kumar P. Bhat, got clarified the name of his son, by name being minor PRANAV S BHAT before the notary public SRI. NAGARAJ H.H. Advocate, Bengaluru on 20-02-2023. This affidavit is made in multiple sets to enable him to have clarity and uniformity in all government records like ADHAR, PAN CARD, DRIVING LICENSE, PUC Marks Card. My son shall be referred as PRANAV S BHAT in all records and documents in future. Bengaluru. Dated:-20-01-2023. SHRIDHAR KUMAR P. BHAT Father and natural guardian

#### CHANGE OF NAME

That by an Affidavit dated 20-01-2023 executed before the Notary Public (SRI. C. V. EARAPPA, Advocate and Notary, Government of India, No.141/8, 9th Cross, R.M.Nagar, Bangalore: 560016) I have changed my name as NAMITHA BEJUGAM ( from 'NAMITHA' or 'B NAMITHA' or 'NAMITHA B' ) and so I may hereafter be called, known and distinguished nor by my former name, but by the name NAMITHA BEJUGAM and I hereby further confirm that both the names are of the same person i.e., myself and none others.

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I, (OLD NAME) FARAZ PASHA Residing at No.78, Broadway Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) FARAZ PASHA to (NEW NAME) FAIROZ PASHA vide affidavit dated: 24.01.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.Vatsala, Bangalore.

#### THANKSGIVING

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Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.

PUNIT, SHOBBHA, NARESH.

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From JANE CHITRA & JAI CHITRA

Bouke 'JANE' (Dutch Elvis) lyrics

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##### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked for many favors. This time, I ask you this very special favor (mention favor). Take it dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favor. not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never known to fail.

Thank you for the favors, graces and blessings received, seeking continuous blessings on my family always

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V Harikrishna

# KRANTI IS A FILM FOR EVERY PARENT

...says V Harikrishna, whose upcoming directorial starring Darshan is set to get a massive opening in Karnataka in around 450 screens on the opening day

A SHARADHAA

**T**EAM *Kranti* is all smiles as the Darshan-starrer is set to open big in theatres today. The fans, who have been hand in hand with the Challenging Star since the inception of the film, are all geared up to create a revolutionary experience with 400 screens having the FDFS in Karnataka. The makers shared that *Kranti* will hit theatres in 450 screens, and will at least have 3000 shows on the opening day.

Speaking to *CE*, ahead of the film's release, director and composer Harikrishna tells us that *Kranti* is a star vehicle that talks about a necessary revolution within the education system. "Education is a household issue, which is represented by the titular character of *Kranti*. It is the story of every parent. *Kranti* is about responsibility, accountability, and how education has become a burden today. The film revolves around government schools. "When such pertinent

topics are told through a superstar like Darshan, the reach is wider, and the impact will be bigger," says Harikrishna, adding, "*Kranti* is a film, which is made on a big canvas, and with larger-than-life characters, but it is also about giving back something to the society."

Billed as a mass entertainer, which is written and directed by Harikrishna, *Kranti* marks the filmmaker's second directorial after *Yajamana*. "I don't know where inspiration can come. I considered this a gift from God. I love penning my thoughts, usually in the form of lyrics for various songs. Today, my writing process has just got a bigger canvas," says Harikrishna, who has paid a lot of attention to writing, for which he has consumed six months and he says will be the biggest highlight of the film. In my opinion, story, screenplay, and dialogues are a chain, and as a director, it is best when I handle it all on my own," he says.

The collaboration between Darshan and Harikrishna goes a long way back, and the former says, "It is difficult to mount a

story on the sole power of content, and that is where stardom comes in too."

Harikrishna further shares his experience of working with Darshan and says that he is always in awe of the actor's memory power. "He is a star, who takes the entire team on his shoulders. He doesn't have any starry airs, one good quality in him is that he doesn't bring his star image to the sets of any film, and that makes it easy for the director. Another biggest quality of Darshan is that he always prefers and encourages local talent," says Harikrishna.

*Kranti* also features Ravichandran in a pivotal role as a father to a young Darshan. This is the first time Ravichandran is sharing screenspace with Darshan, which will another highlight of *Kranti*. Apart from them, *Kranti* also stars R Achita Ram, Samyukta Hornad, Vainidhi Jagadish, Umashree, Mukhyamantri Chandru, Girish Shivanna, Dharmanna Kadur, Tarun Aro, and Raghu among others. With music by Harikrishna, *Kranti* has Karunakar handling the camerawork.



## Adult Swim cuts ties with Rick and Morty

CE FEATURES

**A**DULT Swim's popular adult animated comedy show *Rick and Morty* was created by Dan Harmon and Justin Roiland. While the show's sixth season just wrapped up last month, reports surfaced about Justin Roiland being accused of domestic abuse.

Following the accusations, Adult Swim has dropped the writer-producer from the show, who also voices the lead roles in the show. According to reports, the makers are currently looking for a voice talent to replace him.

It is worth noting that, following the massive success of the show, Adult Swim entered a long-term deal with Roiland and Harmon and had renewed the show for 10 seasons. Roiland also developed an animated show for Hulu titled *Solar Opposites* and is also voicing a character in the animated comedy *Koala Man*.

## Rian suggests new subtitle for next instalment

CE FEATURES

**D**IRECTOR Rian Johnson, who is known for *Knives Out* and *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* previously shared that he was unhappy with the second instalment's title. Johnson previously expressed frustration over having to add *A Knives Out Mystery* to the film's title for marketing purposes.

Now that the third instalment of the film has been confirmed, Rian is giving suggestions to the marketing as to what the title could be. He has suggested that the title should be namedropping the lead of the film. It is to be noted that Benoit Blanc, played by Daniel Craig is the only character that connects the two films.

He plays a famed detective who solves murder mysteries.



## Yogi to star in Kiran Chandra's next

Yogi



CE FEATURES

**Y**OGESH, popularly known as Loose Mada Yogi, has a busy 2023. The *Head Bush* actor, who will be soon seen in *Lankasura*, and is currently committed to Rakshit Shetty's *Bachelor Party*, which stars Diganth and Raj B Shetty, has signed his next project.

Yogi is set to headline Kiran Chandra's next project. The filmmaker, who made his debut with *Kireeta* (2017), is returning to helm a project after six years.

Backed by Sunil Shivaram, the project is now in the pre-production stage, and the director has penned a rather cult script that will challenge the actor.

The makers, who will soon officially announce the project, are in the process of finalising the rest of the cast and crew.

SHILAJIT MITRA

**H**E is an old trouper living off the grid. He's been out of action for a couple of years. He comes shrouded in fanfare and intrigue. When people talk about him, in high circles, they get "uncomfortable". He's a keeper of his word. He is a patriot with a Muslim name, and a son of this soil, though his true religion is the movies. His name is Pathaan, played by Shah Rukh Khan, and they are one and the same.

Every once in a while, we need our superstars in unadulterated form. Think of it as not fan servicing but fan sensitivity. Tom Cruise—smiling superciliously in films like *Top Gun: Maverick*, telling the audience he's got them covered—is the very embodiment of that shtick. In contrast to Cruise, who's practically always working, and who is three years his senior, SRK has been on a genuine sabbatical, understandably stymied by the poor receptions of *Zero* (2018) and *Jab Harry Met Sejal* (2017). Now he returns, riding high and again in Siddharth Anand's *Pathaan*. It is an action movie that's really a soft shell of wrapping, disclosing the SRK delivery machine it has packed underneath.

In *War* (2019), also directed by Siddharth Anand, Hrithik Roshan played a superspy gone rogue named Kabir. Along with Salman Khan's *Tiger*, the char-

## A sprightly, entertaining comeback from SRK



acter buffed up what has become the YRF Spy Universe. *Pathaan*, a battle-scarred soldier who now leads a cover unit called JOCR, rounds out the triumvirate. He's played by Shah Rukh Khan with the kind of

ANUSHA SUNDAR

**W**HEN asked why she decided to back Netflix's *The Elephant Whisperers* (TEW), a documentary on two mahouts and their elephants, producer Guneet Monga, grinning from ear to ear, makes the most compelling argument ever. "Who can say no to baby elephants?" Well, it was not just Guneet but the Academy Awards too who couldn't resist the charm of the elephants as the documentary made it to the final five nominations under the Best Documentary Short Film category.

Helmed by Kartiki Gonsalves, *TEW* is a heart-warming tale of a couple Bomman and Bellie, who take two orphaned jumbo calves, Raghu and Ammukutty, under their wings and cradle them as their own. The documentary, set in the Theppakadu Elephant Camp of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, throws light on the human-animal relationship, and the need to preserve nature.

An Oscar nomination may not be a new thing for Guneet, whose 2019 short documentary, *Period. End of Sentence*, took home the golden statuette. Even as she mentions that such recognition always gives a sense of validation, Guneet emphasises, "We never get into stories thinking about the awards. I feel very spiritual about it. The story chooses us. Kartiki has lived with the story for five years, following up with Bomman, Bellie, Raghu and Ammu. I have been on this journey for 3-3.5 years and the ups and downs have been special for me."

For Kartiki, it was a chance meeting with Raghu that led

## 'We wanted the indigenous people to have a voice'



her to bond with his family and subsequently fall in love with the baby mammal. The filmmaker first saw Raghu taking a splashy bath in a river while she was driving from Ooty to Bangalore. At the time of their meeting, Kartiki recalls that Raghu couldn't even use his trunk and was stumbling across the pathway, but shared an astonishing trust level with his human guardians. "I saw this tiny three-month elephant calf that was not any taller than my knee having a bath in a river. This unplanned detour led me to



spend hours with them. Bomman and Raghu shared a special bond, like that of a parent and child." When Kartiki met Bellie, the former understood that if Bomman was the father of Raghu and Ammukutty, Bellie was the mother:

As a documentary filmmaker, Kartiki was very conscious of breaking the outsider's gaze by spending quality time with the calves and the couple. "Firstly, I spent time building their trust. When they were comfortable with me taking photographs and videos, I initially only used my phones before moving on to GoPro cameras, DSLRs, and then entire camera setups," reveals Kartiki. At the same time, the team was also conscious that *TEW* reflects the voice of indigenous people. "This was a chance where I was able to give them a voice, which was very important to this story. The way they live and co-exist with nature is something that we need to learn."

Beyond telling the story of elephants, *TEW* addresses much more poignant issues like the culture of indigenous people, forest preservation, and normalises taboo issues like widow remarriage and late matrimony. "Asian elephants are losing their habitat due to encroachment and climate change, and calves are getting orphaned. I went with a documentary style because people should understand these issues on a deeper level, and not think it to be even remotely fictional."

Concurring with Kartiki, Guneet observes that Bomman and Bellie's lives are examples of how to co-exist with nature in a world of overproduction and consumption. "At a time when animals are being driven to extinction, I think this positive story highlights human-animal coexistence. Only with mutual respect and cooperation can we save the planet," says Guneet.

contract, not ideology," says Nandini (Dimple Kapadia), Pathaan's boss, like someone describing an IT cell. We also meet Rubina, played by Deepika Padukone, a leggy lass who becomes the mediator — some would say death trap — between Jim and Pathaan.

Like *War*, *Pathaan* spares no expense on its action design. Name a vehicle—hummers, trucks, trains, choppers, jetwings—and there's a chase or combat sequence built around it. I loved the eclectic selection of weapons: in his first fight, Pathaan begins with a pair of improvised escrima sticks, before switching coolly to a shotgun. Jim, meanwhile, favours a small shiny crescent knife among all the endless options at his disposal. The VFX in *Pathaan* is not very consistent but I suppose most audiences will gladly turn a blind eye. I also wish there was more wit and ingenuity to the action choreography. Witnessed in the wake of *RRR*, the various rope-based escapes and manoeuvres in this film feel undercooked.

Shah Rukh Khan swims solidly through all the chaos. He is enjoyable in the big action moments but it's the smaller touch-

es that really sell the performance. During an intense double-cross, he suddenly crinkles up pretty, ditching heaviness for the sort of scrappy romanticism that marks his best roles. The film somehow works best in moments where Rubina is in charge and Pathaan is dustily tagging along, like their Spain interlude. Deepika gets to kick some serious butt, and her scenes with John are just as effective. "Who says love only happens at first sight?" Rubina tells Jim beseechingly, poetically. Only Deepika Padukone can be trusted with delivering such lines in the midst of an action film (and escape unscathed).

There is a funny Salman Khan cameo—the only justifiable one in a while. I won't spoil anything further but say that Pathaan goes about its business with humour and diligence. As an actioner, it's neither irredeemably silly nor overly maudlin (like the recent Bond movies). For the most part, it keeps its head low and — as befits a star vehicle — lets its heroes do the talking. There are still some miles left in these old machines. As they assure themselves in the post-credit scene, the young ones just won't cut it.

**PATHAN**  
Director: Siddharth Anand  
Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, John Abraham, Dimple Kapadia, Ashutosh Rana

gusto that's both infectious and a bit, well, extreme. The 57-year-old actor smirks, squints, and deepens his voice. He probably does more action than all his 90-plus films combined. He nods to older hits like *Don 2* and *Darr* ("K...K...K... Karen"). He has grown his hair. Pathaan is SRK leaving it all on the field, going the extra mile when it's painfully obvious the standard laps won't do.

Thankfully, he's got help. John Abraham holds the screen as Jim, leader of private terror group Outfit X (Siddharth and screenwriter Shridhar Raghavan aren't the best with names; a prison in the film is simply called 'Black Prison'). After a long-winded first half, much of it spent on action set-pieces interrupted by gritty backstories, we learn of Outfit X's plan: destroying India with bioterrorism. "They work on

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3.5/5